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Edward Corsi Speaks Tonight

Edward Corsi, former special assistant to the Secretary of State for refugee and immigration problems and a sharp critic of U.S. immigration policies, will be the principal speaker at a public meeting tonight (Friday evening June 3), to be held at the Sartu Theater, 7080 Hollywood Blvd.

His subject will be "The McCarran-Walter Act As I Saw It." The admission-free meeting is sponsored by the immigration and deportation committee of the American Civil Liberties Union, So. California branch. Attorney Frank Chuman, committee chairman, will preside.

The sudden dismissal of Corsi, who urged a more liberal administration of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, touched off a nationwide controversy. The firing of Corsi was strongly protested by major Jewish organizations throughout the country.

A prominent New York State Republican leader, he also served as Industrial Commissioner of New York State under Governor Dewey.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-3267) DATE: 5/31/55

FROM: SA GERALD F. MOORE

SUBJECT: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
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The services of [redacted] have been discontinued under the instructions set forth in SAC Letter 55-13 in that he may, in the future, be a source of embarrassment to the Bureau. As of [redacted] he no longer functioned as a PSI of the Los Angeles Office.

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The information furnished by this informant has been reviewed to determine his potential as a witness, and it is noted that he furnished information regarding the individual whose name is set forth above.

Inasmuch as this informant was never a member of any organization and there is a possibility that he may be utilized as a security informant or a potential security informant in the future, it would not appear he has any potential as a witness at this time.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-43948) DATE: 5/27/55

FROM : SA RICHARD J. NELSON

SUBJECT: PROGRESSIVE WOMENS EDUCATIONAL AND GARDEN CLUB
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[redacted]	4/14/55, PWEGC meeting	5/4/55	RICHARD J. NELSON	[redacted]

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(U) A meeting was held at the home of [redacted] (C) (U) (U) (C)

A postcard notice of the meeting may be located in [redacted] (C) (U) b7D b6 b7C

Present were GERTRUDE BOOSHER, BEATRICE PAZNY, MABEL BUCKMASTER, PEARL COE, HOPE BUSBY, FLORENCE MORGAN and her mother-in-law, CATHERINE; JOSEPHINE HADDOCK, OLGA DAJIC, CONNIE MORENO, ALICE DICK, THELMA LEDBETTER. (C) (U)

[redacted] read correspondence concerning the continuation of child care centers. PEARL COE read letters from the ACLU notifying the club of a legislative conference to take place 4/16/55 in Los Angeles. Mrs. RUTH HOOKS, BEATRICE PAZNY, and THELMA LEDBETTER were appointed delegates for this conference. BEATRIC PAZNY read a letter acknowledging a $5.00 donation to the Los Angeles Peace Council (Crusade). PEARL COE read an editorial about the Burns-Chapel Bill and the Fifth Amendment. (C) (U) b6 b7C

THELMA LEDBETTER gave the educational on UMT. MABEL BUCKMASTER was appointed to write letters to Senators, Councilmen, and the President objecting to UMT. Leaflets concerning the subject were being obtained from the American Freedoms Service in Pasadena, PO Box 966M, for the next meeting. (C)

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cc: [redacted] (U) 100-3267 (ACLU)
100-34005 (SCPC)

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100-40024 (B. PAZNY)
100-35562 (M. BUCKMASTER)
100-40452 (P. COE)
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100-23365 (R. HOOKS)
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COMPLAINT FORM

100-3267 *

66-2092-3

Whittier Chapter of American Civil Liberties Union
Subject's Name and Aliases

Elizabeth Hagerty
~~Name of Complainant~~

431 No. Alta, Whittier
Address of Complainant

647 No. Friends Ave Whittier
Address of Subject

Oxford 42-2178
Telephone Number of Complainant

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Character of Case

6-10-55
Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: complainant stated she observed an article in the Whittier News of 6-8-55 indicating the above organization was holding a meeting at 647 No. Friends Ave, Whittier on 6-12-55 She stated Fred Nemoche & Ann Bar were officers of this group. She stated she would send the article to the Los Angeles Office because she feels the organization may be subversive

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Civil Liberties Group to Meet

The rights of citizens under the First Amendment will be the theme of a public meeting at 8:15 p. m. Monday at the Sartu Theater, 7080 Hollywood blvd., sponsored by the Southern California branch of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Former Senator Harry P. Cain of Washington, now a member of the Subversive Activities Control Board, will be the keynote speaker. His subject will be "Are We Afraid of the First Amendment?"

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CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION MEETING

Harry P. Cain, a member of the Subversive Activities Control Board, will be the principal speaker at a public meeting Monday evening, June 27, at the Sartu Theater, 7080 Hollywood Blvd., sponsored by the Southern California branch of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Cain, a former U.S. Senator from the State of Washington, will speak on "Are We Afraid of the First Amendment?" He recently has severely criticised the U. S. Attorney General's "subversive" list of organizations, loyalty oaths and professional government witnesses.

The admission-free program is being planned to coincide with the opening of hearings in Los Angeles by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, IS-C.

[redacted] advises that ACLU sponsored meeting in Los Angeles at Sartou Theatre, June 27 last, featuring former Senator HARRY CAIN, member of SACB. CAIN's remarks publicized in "Daily People's World" this date, and copy of this article attached for Bureau's information.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-17375)

DATE: 6/27/55

FROM: SA LEE R. INMAN

SUBJECT: LAL, SWP
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[redacted] (C) who has furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity should be concealed. (U)	Weekly branch meeting of above, 5/4/55, at 1702 E. 4th St., LA. (C) (U)	5/5/55 (C) (U)	Writer (U)	[redacted] (C) (U) b7D

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Informant attended this meeting, and he advised that the following were present: (C) (U)

DELLA ROSA (MC CREARY)
TOM KERRY
CAROLYN (KARALYN) KERRY
EVELYN REED (NOVAK)
DICK FRASER
DICK SCOTT
SAM STARK
JAY THORNTON
(C) (U)

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cc: [redacted] (C)

1-MINNEAPOLIS (V. DUNNE) REGISTERED
2-CHICAGO [redacted] (C)
100-31056 REGISTERED
100-3267 (ACLU) (C) (U)

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100-39307 [redacted]
100-29529
100-23325
100-32021
100-48734
100-29057
100-29374 (ANN SNIPPER)
100-23431
100-29648
100-23383
100-29522

(C) (U)

100-30670
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100-49851 (E. NOVAK)

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HOWARD ROSEN	YETTA ROSEN
MITT SNIPPER	ANN SNIPPER
ALICE SNIPPER	HANK SNIPPER
CLYDE TURNER	MILT SLACKTER
BOB (AARON) STRAUSS (STROWISS)	JOSEPH W. SMITH
	JEANNE (JEAN) MORGAN
CARL FEINGOLD	MAURICE ROGOLIN
ROSE KARSNER	BOB MORGAN
TYBE (TYBIE) FRASER	DAN MORGAN
JACK SHEPPARD (SHEPHERD)	CHARLIE HOOK
	JOE ROSS
ERROLL BANKS	IKE (STEELE)
BABE (EMILY) THORNTON	DAVE COOPER
MAC WALKER	ELEANOR COOPER
MAGGIE WALKER	

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The chairman of the meeting was [redacted] (C) (U)

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The agenda was as follows:

1. Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

2. Announcements - [redacted] announced that [redacted] who was to have given an educational on the meaning of "Cinco De Mayo," would not be present, as he was in the process of moving. (C) (U)

3. Reports

A. Civil Liberties Union Meeting (U)

[redacted] said that he had attended this meeting with [redacted] The meeting was held in connection with the Civil Rights Conference recently held. It was a meeting called by the Sachmanites (Schmanites), and the SP, and consisted on the whole of college youth. They discussed, in panel form, various subjects such as the war, and universal military training, and civil liberties. [redacted] who is to be prosecuted for [redacted] was a speaker. Several "pacifists" were also in attendance at the Civil Liberties Union meeting. A bill was passed to exclude all Stalinists, fascists, and totalitarians from taking any role, active or passive, and to forbid membership to anyone who belongs to any such organizations. They planned to organize and do some

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work on civil liberties pertaining to the compulsary draft, etc.

B. "Militant" Subscription Campaign (C) (U)

[redacted] reported on this for [redacted] of the sub drive, as she was ill. Cards were given to almost all members, which cards contained the names of recently expired subs. The members were to contact the persons whose names were on the cards, personally, and not by phone. There were to be no door-to-door mobilizations as the committee was using contact and mailing lists to try and secure as many subs. as possible that way. The sub drive started 5/1/55, and would end 6/15/55. Any new subs taken at this time for six months could be had for $1. instead of the regular $1.50. Everyone was urged to meet and talk with as many of their shopmates as possible and to try to sell them a subscription. The committee [redacted] (C) (U)

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C. West Coast Vacation Camp (C) (U)

ANN SNIPPER report that the camp committee submitted the following report to the E.C. and that it was approved, as it stood. The same staff that was used last year will be used again this year. The members of the staff are: (C) (U)

camp chairman-ANN SNIPPER

[redacted] (C) (U)

The rates for the camp would be $35. for adults and $18. for children. The Bay Area and Seattle Branches were to get a $5. reduction. [redacted] & [redacted] have been asked to return again and give educationals. Further plans were to be discussed. The camp will run for 8 days, and 25 meals, from Sept. 3 until Sept. 11, 1955. (C) (U)

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D. May Picnic, 5/8/55 (C) (U)

[redacted] said that the picnic for May would be the coming Sunday. Everyone was urged to come and bring friends and all the children. The price was $1. for adults and $.50 for children. (C) (U)

4. Intermission (C) (U)

5. Educational

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[redacted] gave the second and final report on [redacted]. He got his material from a book about [redacted] entitled: [redacted] (C) (U)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648) DATE: 6/22/55

FROM : SA LEON J. MEYER

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE
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[redacted]	[redacted]	4/14/55	LEON J. MEYER	[redacted]

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Instant report reflects a small informal meeting of the captioned committee which was held at [redacted] for the purpose of making final arrangements for a dinner to be held on 4/17/55 for the purpose of raising funds to defend MORTON SOBELL. [redacted] spoke and indicated that she had received a letter from the American Civil Liberties Union in New York indicating they were making an intensive review of the Sobell case. (C) (U) (U) (C)

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Informant further advised that [redacted] ROSE SOBELL, MORTON'S mother, on a visit to ANNA LOUISE STRONG who spent her time questioning Mrs. SOBELL concerning all the facts in the SOBELL case. (C) (U)

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100-17337 (A. L. STRONG) [redacted]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-43948)

DATE: 6/23/55

FROM : SA JOSEPH R. CONLON

SUBJECT: PROGRESSIVE WOMENS EDUCATIONAL CLUB
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past b7D	[redacted] PWEC meeting	5/4/55	JOSEPH R. CONLON	[redacted] (C) (U) b7D

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Three delegates were elected to the American Civil Liberties Union Conference who were LEDBETTER, PAZNY and RUTH HOOKS. (C) (U)

The educational at the meeting consisted of information about universal military training (UMT). LEDBETTER read several articles published by the Methodist Church, which were discussed at the meeting. (C) (U)

The members indicated an interest in the subject of UMT and decided to obtain more material concerning it. (C) (U)

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100-35526 (M. BUCKMASTER)
100-51790 [redacted] (C) (U)
100-40452 (P. COE)
100-25680 [redacted]
100-33190
100-36524
100-37574
100-40024 (B. PAZNY)
100-23365 (R. HOOKS)
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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-43948)

DATE: 6/23/55

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: PROGRESSIVE WOMENS EDUCATIONAL CLUB IS-C.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past	4/16/55, ACLU Conference	5/4/55	JOSEPH R. CONLON	[redacted]

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Informant indicated that THELMA LEDBETTER, BEATRICE PAZNY and RUTH HOOKS joined the ACLU Conference by paying a $2 fee which entitled them to receive all the publications. (C) (U)

The conference met at the University Methodist Church near the campus of the University of Southern California.

CAREY MC WILLIAMS was the keynote speaker. He indicated the international picture was much improved and the outlook was better, futher, that the four-power conference clarified issues for the American people.

MC WILLIAMS indicated that when accusitions were flung against the former administration, people began to see through them and were more aware of the real picture.

MC WILLIAMS stated that the Army-McCarthy hearings seemed to clarify things for people; that the myth of political power of demogogues had been cut down and that they are not as powerful as people thought they were.

He indicated the Congressional picture was improved by a balance of power and the president was not so influenced by the right wing group of his Party.

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cc: [redacted]
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100-23365 (R. HOOKS)
100-2638 (C. MC WILLIAMS)
100-3267 (ACLU)
100-23423 (POLITICAL ACTIVITY)
100-26045 (DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
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MC WILLIAMS pointed out a new danger in that the hearings (referred to above) would not be spotlighted because of the effect television had on them and, therefore, the witch hunts would recede to a local level.

He continued that repressive legislation will be used by the states instead of the Federal Government, which he felt would be a good thing, because more people could be aroused. He said a noisy minority could influence public opinion.

A Mr. WARNE spoke about the Burns-Chapel Bill and said that Mr. CHAPEL made the statement that he would like to get hundreds of Communists to attend the legislative session to protest his bill and then postpone the hearing so that they would have to go back, thus wasting their time and effort.

Informant indicated the conference adjourned to committee rooms with HOOKS attending the one on Academic Freedom where they discussed the S.B. 8755 Dilworth, the existence of the present Dilworth Act. (C) (U)

PAZNY attended the meeting on the Burns-Chapel Bill which would revoke the license of any persons registered under the Business and Professional Code who invokes the 5th Amendment in any legislative, executive, or judicial proceeding of the Federal, State or local government. (C) (U)

LEDBETTER attended the committee meeting on Religious Freedom where they discussed the Bradley-Allen Bill. It would exclude churches from the loyalty declaration for property tax exemption. Informant indicated there was a divided opinion on this since some of the members felt that the churches should refuse to accept this compromise, as this committee was against all tax loyalty oaths. Others felt it would be better to get the churches out of the fight, since most of the actual members were not socially conscious enough to see how tax loyalty oaths were unconstitutional and detrimental to democracy. The committee took a definite stand against the Levering Bill because it denies property tax exemption to non-profit organizations who "knowingly" allow their property to be used by "subversive" individuals or organizations. They felt this was going too far and that a church could be held responsible if some individual used their restroom if the person could be proved subversive. (C) (U)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-43948) DATE: 6/23/55

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: PROGRESSIVE WOMENS EDUCATIONAL CLUB IS-C b6 b7C

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A discussion was held concerning some books for the club's library and also concerning what action was to be taken regarding certain legislation. (C) (U)

Universal Military Training (UMT) was the subject discussed most and also what could be done to prevent it from going through. (C) (U)

Informant indicated the club would like to get someone to come and talk about UMT and a committee of [redacted] LEDBETTER, MABLE (MABEL) BUCKMASTER and [redacted] were appointed to decide what pamphlets and books to send for. (C) (U)

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cc: [redacted] b7D

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100-40024 (B. PAZNY)
100-40452 (P. COE)
100-37574 [redacted]
100-23365 (R. HOOKS)
100-36524 [redacted]
100-42141
100-35680
100-48924
100-35526 (M. BUCKMASTER)
100-3267 (ACLU)
100-23423 (POLITICAL ACTIVITY)
100-23442 (LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY)

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The educational was given by LEDBETTER, HOOKS and PAZNY and it concerned their attendance at the ACLU Conference. (C) (U)

They spoke about religious freedom, academic freedom and the Burns-Chapel Bill, respectively. (C) (U)

The club decided to write letters on certain bills, the informant indicating the Bill AB 971, concerning fair employment was supported. (C) (U)

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-26954) DATE: 6/23/55

FROM : SA GEORGE C. SCRUGGS, JR.

SUBJECT: YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE
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12-8-81
CLASS. & EXT. BY 6383 VRT/CH (U)
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2
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DOCUMENTATION:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
[redacted]	Berkeley Unit, Young Socialist League meeting, 5/8/55	5/13/55 by mail	SA GEORGE C. SCRUGGS, JR.	[redacted]

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The informant's report is not quoted below but pertinent portions are set forth. b6 b7C

[redacted] reported on the Student Civil Liberties Union conference held recently in Los Angeles, California. Representatives from various campuses, including the larger high schools in the Los (C) (U)

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cc: (3) Los Angeles:
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Angeles area were present. Total attendance the first day was about 120, the second day about 60, about 15 of whom were described as Stalinists. A program was agreed upon whereby different organizations would contribute members and time to a State-wide body to protect civil liberties. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) refused to sponsor the group unless it resolved not to join a united front with Communist Party (CP) or Labor Youth League (LYL) factions. (C) (U)

Among the campuses sending representatives to the mentioned conference were California Institute of Technology, University of California at Los Angeles, University of Southern California, and Occidental. (C) (U)

[redacted] is to be a member of the new Executive Council for the State-wide SCLU group. (C) (U)

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[redacted] feels that the Berkeley SCLU unit at Stiles Hall needs a lot of help. He states the YPSL is trying to invade in and take it over and therefore feels that the YSL should get in and take it away from the YPSL. [redacted] of the Berkeley group and a fellow named [redacted] may run for it. [redacted] is against [redacted] and wishes a certain [redacted] not further identified, to be elected. (C) (U)

The Berkeley YSL unit is to be reorganized. There is to be a set of specific positions of responsibility and an Executive Council. [redacted] (C) (U)

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Action Recommended: File in case files and route copy for [redacted] to writer for further identification. (C) (U)

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HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANY

CULVER CITY
CALIFORNIA

June 28, 1955

Mr. William J. Nolan
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 17, California

RE: American Civil Liberties Union 100-32677

Dear Bill:

June 22 at approximately 9:15 A.M., Vern Hill, Joe McCarthy's Secretary, received a call from an individual who identified himself as Richard Schoen. Schoen announced that he was Chairman of a new area branch (Westchester) of the American Civil Liberties Union, and requested that Mr. McCarthy appear as featured speaker at their next meeting which is scheduled to be held July 8 at 7750 Kentwood Avenue at 8:00 P.M. The proposed subject of the speech is "loyalty and security", which will be followed by a television picture of the discussion between Oppenheimer and Murrow, and a general question and answer period.

Miss Hill told Schoen that Mr. McCarthy was unavailable and suggested that he perhaps should try the F.B.I.!

Schoen gave his home telephone number as PL 1-6902.

The above is being furnished as a matter of possible interest to your office.

Yours very truly,

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-17796) DATE: 7/13/55

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

DECLASSIFIED BY 6383 URT/cH ON 12-1-81 Appeal # 9-0178

SUBJECT: EASTERN DIVISION
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY
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Source	Activity	Received	Agent	Location
[redacted] b7D	Meeting of City Heights Section Board, LACCP, [redacted]	1/20/55	[redacted] b6 b7C	[redacted] b7D

This information was received from a live informant and when used in a report should be carefully paraphrased in order to protect the identity of the informant.

A meeting of the City Heights Section Board, LACCP was held [redacted] at the home of [redacted] was ill and BEA STADLER had stated that she could not attend this meeting inasmuch as she had a meeting on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. [redacted] was angry about STADLER not attending this meeting, stating that STADLER considered this meeting expendable. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that there were several new people coming into this Section who were being placed in various clubs temporarily until the Section had decided whether or not a new group (club) should be formed. The setting up of a Democratic Party Club was still being considered and all of the comrades should be b6 b7C

Read by: [redacted]

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cc: [redacted]

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100-25451 [redacted]
100-18703
100-20063
100-31728 (B. STADLER)
100-42940 [redacted]
100-7612
100-25337
100-42532

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97-16 (DPW)
100-23423 (POL. ACTS.)
100-25651 (CLC)
100-3267 (ACLU)

100-50299 (COMINFIL, FEP IN LA)

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urged to give thought to other organizations in the community, since several of the comrades do not belong to any organization. Someone stated that the odd fellows in this area had advertised in the local newspaper for new members and it was suggested that this organization be checked into. It was stated that there was a need for the CLC in this community and that it would probably be set up in a short while. Someone suggested that this would be a good place for [redacted] stated that the ACLU was not functioning as it should but that with new leadership this organization could be effective. All the various organizations in the area are to be discussed and given new blood by placing comrades in them.

It was announced that the Wabash-City Terrace Council had held an election recently and three comrades were named to its board. [redacted] is Recording Secretary, and [redacted] was named to some position. [redacted] stated that LENA had discussed with [redacted] her accepting the job and [redacted] had told her to accept.

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[redacted] reported that the Section is in the lead on the PW subscriptions percentage wise. As of 1/17/55 the Section had reached 50% while the Division has reached 30%. The possibility of setting up a PW delivery service for those who do not wish to receive the PW by mail was again discussed and volunteers to do the delivering are to be asked for.

It was stated that the fund drive was moving very slowly and only $216.94 had been collected to date. [redacted] urged that the pace be stepped up and support be given to any affairs that are being run for the purpose of raising money for this fund.

An announcement was made concerning a general mobilization on 1/22 and 23/55 for the purpose of collecting signatures for an FEPC petition resolution.

[redacted] gave a short report on Negro History Week emphasizing the current struggle on segregation. She stated that much thought was being given as to how Negro History Week could be introduced into the schools and various organizations. It was suggested that in the community the comrades organize groups to visit the Fire Department, at which time they would ask questions and innocently insert the question of segregation. [redacted] suggested that the group from the nursery school take the Fire Department tour with the children and the teacher, who is a Negro woman. Means of raising this issue in the B'Nai B'Rith were suggested, such as

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contacting the Lommax Committee on FEPC for a speaker or perhaps an entertainer. Another suggestion was made for [redacted] to prepare a little talk before the B'Nai B'Rith on what has happened during the past year in Negro history, such as the Supreme Court's decision on segregation, WILLY MAYS in baseball, or MARIAN ANDERSON in opera. It was stated that an outline on Negro history for an educational would be available very shortly.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-17796) DATE: 7/18/55 (U)

FROM : SA RICHARD J. NELSON

SUBJECT: [SOUTHEAST (WHITTIER) SECTION] (C)
EASTERN DIVISION
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY
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Source	Activity	Received	Agent	Location
[redacted] (C) b7D (U)	Meeting of CP Club chairmen, Southeast (Whittier) Section, [redacted]	5/20/55	RICHARD J. NELSON	[redacted] b7D (U) (C)

A meeting was held at the home of [redacted] (C) (U)

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100-24660
100-40177
100-33712
100-25998
100-27094
100-23365 (R. HOOKS)
100-25047
100-24991

(C) [redacted] (C) (U)

100-23755 (PAMS. AND PUBS.)
100-23488 (CP FUNDS) (U) (C) (U)
100-3267 (ACLU)
100-34005 (SCPC)
100-24345 (NEGRO QUES.) (C)
97-16 (DPW)

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PW DRIVE: There were routine announcements regarding the amount of money owed by the various clubs for PWs that had been given them to sell in the Mexican-American communities. Brief reports were made by the chairmen on members participating in the mobilizations and the number of papers and subscriptions sold. A PW dinner was scheduled for Friday the 13th at the Taix Restaurant, Los Angeles. The purpose of the dinner was to honor Comrades who had made outstanding records in the sale of PWs. (U)

NEW BOOK: It was announced that the deadline on money for FOSTER'S new book on the history of the Party in the United States has been set for Wednesday next. It is being sold at the introductory rate of $3.62, including tax, until that time. (U)

CP DUES: It was pointed out that CP dues are based on take home pay, this being a result of a debate at a meeting several weeks ago and was the final word. It was suggested that anyone who has been paying on gross should make up what they will in the future save to a large extent in sustainers since they are already used to budgeting for a higher amount. (U)

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[redacted] announced that [redacted] Whittier Club, had asked to be dropped from the CP. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had dropped out of the Party once before shortly after World War II but found himself resolved in fighting on certain issues besides Communists and thus was drawn eventually back into the Party. His reasons for wanting to drop at this time were that he had no enthusiasm for the Party program, little confidence in its national leadership, and does not want to devote so much time to the Party because it keeps him from his family. It was noted that [redacted] b6 b7C who is also a Party member, is opposed to his request for a drop. Both [redacted] and [redacted] felt that he should be allowed to drop; however, an argument ensued when [redacted] pointed out that the Section had already lost many people on drops and that there was no recruiting program for getting replacements or new members and the way to build the Party is not to have Comrades dropping. [redacted] raised the question of security and said that he did not know of any one of his friends who had not been approached by the FBI and felt a discussion should follow immediately on the whole question of Party policy on drops and on [redacted] especially. [redacted] felt [redacted] had been pushed into the position of dropping by being forced to take [redacted] and other responsibilities he did not like. It was decided that [redacted] and someone, possibly from Division, should visit [redacted] possibly to talk him back into the Party. (U)

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DILWORTH ACT: [redacted] announced that there was a new victim of the Dilworth Act, this time a teached named Miss HOOK (RUTH HOOKS) from the Bellflower Schools. [redacted] had been postponed at her request due to illness and he mentioned knowing her personally and she had worked for him on his case. (C) (U)

HUMAN RELATIONS SEMINAR: It was announced the Human Relations Seminar would be conducted at Whittier College 7/5-10/55 and would be sponsored by the ACLU and the ADC as a summer workshop. It was urged that as much representation as possible from Section be present and that at least one person should go if it meant being financed by the Section. (C) (U) b6 b7C

APPEAL LEAFLET: It was announced that an appeal leaflet, put out supposedly on behalf of Japanese women's groups in protest of atomic warfare, was to be handed out to the chairmen and inasmuch as they were quite expensive, costing the Section $15.00 for the 1,000 that had been ordered, that the clubs should pay for them, $5.00 from the Norwalk Club and Whittier Club each and $5.00 from Section as a whole, the Pico Club being spared because it had been newly organized and had no treasury. Each club is to discuss the best means of dissemination. (C) (U) (U) (C)

NEW MEMBERS: [redacted] advised [redacted] that $7.50 would pay up [redacted] dues through June, that they are new people released from Youth but not from LYL who were assigned to the Norwalk Party Club. (C) (U)

EDUCATIONAL: [redacted] began an educational on the Negro question so that each club chairman might take something back with him to the club educationals. The main point is that the Negro people in their drive for liberation have outdistanced the Party which once gave them leadership. The call of the NAACP and the WALTER WHITE type of person was discussed. (C) (U)

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-17375)

DATE: 7/21/55

FROM: LESLIE F. WARREN, SA

SUBJECT: LAL, SWP
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REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
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Source	Activity	Received	Agent	Location
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be protected.	Regular weekly meeting of above, 5/4/55, at 1702 E. 4th St., LA.	5/6/55	Writer	[redacted]

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Informant advised that this meeting opened at 8 P.M. with [redacted] of the night's meeting. There were 37 comrades present and some of those were as follows:

ERROL BANKS
DICK (SCOTT)
IKE (STEELE)
DELLA MC CREARY
EVELYN REED (NOVAK)
YETTA ROSEN
HENRY SNIPPER
JACK SHEPARD (SHEPHERD)

LFW:jlw

cc: [redacted]

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100-24141
100-30389
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100-49626
100-32438
100-46762
100-46508
100-19949
100-29744
100-30614
100-29454
100-4876 (A. WIRIN)
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
100-31056
[redacted]
100-30670 (E. THORNTON)
100-51617
[redacted]
100-48076
[redacted]
[redacted]
100-3267 (ACLU)

100-6768 (SOCIALIST PARTY)
100-23431 [redacted]
100-29648 (M. SNIPPER)
100-49851 (E. NOVAK)
100-40765 [redacted]
100-23349 (S. ROBERTS)
100-23153 (M. ROGOLIN)
100-23553
100-29529
100-23325
100-32021
100-48734
100-29057
100-29374 (ANN SNIPPER)

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JAY THORNTON	DAVE COOPER
MAGGIE MC GOWAN (WALKER)	DICK FRAZER (FRASER)
ELEANOR COOPER	TOM KERRY
CARL FEINGOLD	JEANNE (JEAN) MORGAN
CAROLYNE (KARALYN) KERRY	STEVE ROBERTS
DAN MORGAN	JOHN (JOSEPH) SMITH
JOE ROSS	ALICE SNIPPER
MAURICE ROGOVIN (ROGOLIN)	MILT SLAKTER
MITT SNIPPER	BETTY WILLIAMS
BOB STROWSS (AARON STROWISS)	LIL CURTIS (CURTISS)
EMILY THORNTON	TYBIE FRAZER (FRASER)
BOB MORGAN	ROSE KARSNER
ANN SNIPPER	HOWARD ROSEN
CLYDE TURNER	SAM STARKE (STARK)
	MAC WALKER

(C) (U)

Informant commented on the fact that [redacted] attended this meeting. According to informant this was the first meeting he had attended for a considerable period of time. Informant also has noticed that [redacted] has been absent for several meetings. (C) (U) (U) (C)

Informant commented on the fact that [redacted] & [redacted] attended this meeting. They have been very lax in their attendance at meetings since coming to Calif., which is very unusual as they had always been very active back East. Informant believes that it is quite possible that they are about ready to make their bid for bigger things in the party as they have always done in the past. (C) (U)

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At this meeting [redacted] reported that he and [redacted] had attended a meeting at which the speaker was AL WIRIN of the Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). [redacted] said that the meeting was sponsored by a group of college students from colleges all over the state and was sponsored by the Schactmanites and the S.P. (Socialist Party). He said that the meeting was attended by about 100 people. He said that the meeting was dominated by the Schactmanites and a large delegation here from Berkeley where there is a large group of Schactmanites. (C) (U)

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Informant advised that the big drive in the SWP at present is the "Militant" subscription drive. He said that most of the comrades got a list of expired subscribers to see for (C) (U)

renewals. (C) (U)

Announcements were made on the picnic to be held Sun., 5/8/55, and also on the summer camp. (C) (U)

The educational was given by [redacted] who continued his talk on [redacted] He stated that [redacted] was a true revolutionist. (C) (U)

Informant said that this was not a lively meeting and that it closed at 9:30 P.M. (C) (U)

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(The names enclosed in parenthesis in this memo are those names believed to be the correct ones of the people referred to, as determined from previous investigation.) (C) (U)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-3267) DATE: 7/29/55

FROM: SA H. EDWIN STIFFLER

SUBJECT: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
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DECLASSIFIED BY 6383 URT/dt
ON 12-1-81
Appeal # 9-0172

SOURCE	ACTIVITY	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted]	4/16/55	5/6/55	[redacted]	[redacted]

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The report of the above informant, a carbon copy of a report of one of the operators of [redacted] known to this office as [redacted] is substantially as follows:

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On 4/16/55, a conference on legislation sponsored by the Southern California Branch of the ACLU was held at the University Methodist Church, 817 West 34th Street, Los Angeles. Of some 150 in attendance, the informant recognized the following:

ROBERT PETTINGILL
CAREY MC WILLIAMS
CLORE WARNE
WILLIAM B. STORM
GIFFORD PHILLIPS
DONALD REED
J. B. TIETZ
EASON MONROE
GEORGE WARMER
PHILIP WAIN
HALLOCK HOFFMAN
PHILIP M. CONNELLY

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100-34597 [redacted]
100-49052
100-2638
100-42713 (E. MONROE)
100-17296 [redacted]
100-47080
100-30629
100-31532 [redacted]S)
105-2566 [redacted])
100-19892
100-6977 (P. CONNELLY)
100-16439 (F. WILKINSON)
100-24342 (LEGIS. ACT.)
100-24346 (YOUTH MATTERS)

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100-31045 [redacted]
100-46279
100-43886
100-49513 (RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS COM.)
100-26045 (DA ISSUES)

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FRANK WILKINSON	MARY HYUN
CATHERINE COREY	HOWARD PHILLIPS
OTIS W. COAN	MERVIN HARRIS
(FNU) POTTS	(FNU) ST. JOHN

The conference was convened by ROBERT PETTINGILL, who introduced J. B. TIETZ as the conference chairman. The results of the conference would be to inspire individual action and not to pass mass resolutions or group action.

CAREY MC WILLIAMS delivered the keynote speech, the theme of which was that things are looking better than they have for several years. Public opinion has turned, so it is now against attacks on civil liberties. This was brought about by the Army-McCarthy hearings and was expressed by the vote of censure by the Senate.

He warned against new methods of attack, which have already started, and felt that there was little danger of any national attacks, because national sentiment is against it. He felt local "witchhunts" are on the increase and are aimed at public opinion at local levels. Loyalty oath bills are not being considered by Congress but are a serious threat in state legislatures. The license oath bills in the California Legislature were given as an example of the threat toward local action. Assembly Bill 2618 was described as an anti-tenure measure which would provide for dismissal without a hearing.

One method of gaining opposition to these bills was through WILLIAM (BILL) STOUT. A telephone number at CBS, Hollywood 9-1212, was furnished for those who cared to contact him to present the problems.

DONALD REED announced a student Civil Liberties Conference to be held on 4/23/55. He passed information about the conference to those people attending the section.

CLORE WARNE reported that the Burns-Chapel Bills are a violation of the right of free association, and the section went on record to oppose the bills.

The Religious Freedom Committee opposed AB 1215 (denying use of property by subversive individuals if non-profit organizations claim tax exemption). The Committee was undecided on AB 3109.

GORDON SEALEY reported for the Academic Freedoms Section. RALPH GOOSEMAN reported that the Civil Rights Section considered the Fair Employment Practices Bill and used the leaflet "In a Nutshell" for its discussion. A four-point program was developed, which included the sending of a representative to Sacramento to push that bill.

Opposition to the wire tapping bill was based on a four-point argument. It was felt it would violate the Fourth and Fifth Amendments, it would not achieve its ends, and it would not be controllable. Chief PARKER was described as a fool to believe that comrades would talk freely when wires would be tapped.

The final group reported unsatisfactory results, as discussion was conflicting. The group opposed extension of loyalty oaths, as well as bills to outlaw the CP.

CATHERINE COREY, from the Friends Committee on Legislation, told the present status of the bills.

MERVIN HARRIS pleaded for new members and asked all old ACLU members to get one new member.

Six sections were organized for discussion. Sections and section chairmen were as follows:

Burns-Chapel Bills	CLORE WARNE
Religious Freedom	GEORGE WARMER
Academic Freedom	WILLIAM B. STORM
Civil Rights	PHILIP WAINE
Censorship and Wire-tapping	GIFFORD PHILLIPS
Freedom of Association	HALLOCK HOFFMAN

On the Academic Freedoms Section, the informant stated a panel was composed of Mr. _____ ST. JOHN, Mr. POTTS, and GORDON SEALEY. ST. JOHN stated Senate Bill 875 was an extension of the Dilworth Act. The bill would compel school employees to answer political questions and would require a school board to fire any teacher who failed to answer questions of a legislative committee.

Mr. POTTS described Senate Bill 1671 as a book censorship bill. He said these bills must be killed in the

Committee, because Senators would vote against them in the Committee who would hesitate to do so on the floor of the Senate, where opposition would become known. This bill would leave to the school board final decision of what books to be used.

Assembly Bill 203 was said to be sponsored by the ACLU. It would prevent local groups from limiting political activities of teachers.

OTIS COAN made comments from time to time on the bills which were discussed. The informant stated he, COAN, played "The Investigator" in his class at City College.

The informant obtained twenty exhibits, which are set out in the original informant's report and which are in the possession of [redacted] In the main, they appear to deal with legislation.

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FROM: SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] has furnished information which was at one time channelized to subject file. Effective 5/1/55, [redacted] was discontinued as an active informant of this office. ~~(C)~~ (U)

[redacted] does not desire to testify or to have her identity revealed due to her position with the [redacted] which she feels would be jeopardized if her connection with Communist front groups became known. She is otherwise available to testify. ~~(C)~~ (U) (U) ~~(C)~~

This informant should be carried under a T-symbol, and she may be described as an informant who has furnished reliable information in the past. ~~(C)~~ (U)

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FROM: SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN

SUBJECT: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
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Re LA lets to the BU, captioned [redacted] dated 3/28/55, [redacted] 4/15/55, [redacted] and 5/20/55, [redacted] which set forth reasons why this informant's services are being discontinued by this Bureau. U b7D

Former [redacted] is identified as [redacted] She is willing to testify in cases concerning which she has furnished information, and she may be referred to as having furnished reliable information in the past. Her identity must be concealed until after her utilization as a witness by the Dept. of Justice before the Security Activities Control Board regarding the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. (U) b6 b7C b7D

During her association as an informant with this Bureau, she furnished information concerning the above-captioned individual or organization. A complete list of individuals and organizations is maintained in [redacted] U b7D

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-3267) DATE: 7/26/55

FROM : SA ELLIOTT W. AMON

SUBJECT: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past	ACLU affair, 6/11/55	6/28/55	ELLIOTT W. AMON (WR)	[redacted] b7D

The informant attended a program entitled "Lift the Lamp" put on by the ACLU on 6/11/55 at 204 South Carondelet, Los Angeles. It consisted mainly of speeches by a Mr. RATTIG, who had run for Congress in the district which elected CARL HINDSHAW. Speeches were also made by Mr. FRANK CHUMAN and ROBERT PETTINGILL. They asked for money in order to publish their pamphlet, which the informant believed to be concerning the Walter McCarran Act.

CAROL WESTON and ALAN METCAFF attended the program. A television film about ELIZABETH MOUNT and the possible discovery of uranium there was shown.

The informant furnished a circular put out by the ACLU regarding the Walter McCarran Act, which is located in [redacted] The circular urged the reader to write to President EISENHOWER and members of Congress urging a revision of the Walter McCarran Act.

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cc: [redacted]
100-44437
100-48136 (C. WESTON)
100-25972

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-43948) DATE: 7/29/55

FROM : SA RICHARD J. NELSON (U)

SUBJECT: PROGRESSIVE WOMENS EDUCATIONAL AND GARDEN CLUB
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity should be protected.	Progressive Womens Educational and Garden Club meeting, 4/14/55	5/18/55	RICHARD J. NELSON	[redacted]

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The meeting was held at the home of BEATRICE PAZNEY (15318 South Eucalyptus Street, Bellflower.) (C) (U)

Present at the meeting were: (C) (U)

HOPE BUSBY
PEARL COE
BEATRICE PAZNEY
MABEL BUCKMASTER
JOSEPHINE HADDOCK (C) (U)
FLORENCE MORGAN

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RJN:plb
cc: [redacted] (U)

100-34005 (SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PEACE CRUSADE)

(U) (U)

100-25680 [redacted]
100-40452 (P. COE)
100-40024 (B. PAZNEY)
100-35562 (M. BUCKMASTER)
100-37855 [redacted]
100-33190
100-43653
100-37574
100-23365 (R. HOOKS)
100-3267 (AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION)

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CONNIE MORENO
GERTRUDE BOOSHER
ALICE DICK
GEORGIA (GEORGINA) HUTCHINSON
THELMA LEDBETTER

(C) (U)

The meeting was opened with a flag salute. The agenda is as follows: (C) (U)

[redacted] read correspondence, which included a letter from RICHARD RICHARDS, State Senator, which acknowledged her letter concerning child care centers. Several other members of the club had received copies of the same letter. (C) (U)

PEARL COE read a letter from the American Civil Liberties Union inviting the club to send a delegate or delegates to the Legislative Conference. The delegates elected to attend the conference on 4/16/55 were BEATRICE PAZNEY, RUTH HOOKS, and THELMA LEDBETTER. PEARL COE announced that a Russian movie would be shown at the [redacted] home in Whittier on 5/8/55. PEARL also read a letter on the Adult Education Program, which was an inquiry as to whether or not she was interested in civil defense and civics classes. It was suggested by both MABEL and [redacted] that PEARL not answer the questions for security reasons, that is, the personal questions that were asked in the letter. Discussion took place about the Burns-Chapel Bill and the Fifth Amendment. (C) (U)

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BEATRICE PAZNEY read a letter from the Los Angeles Peace Crusade acknowledging the $5 donation to the crusade. (C) (U)

Educationals (C) (U)

[redacted] suggested the club have educationals on peace for the United States as well as other countries. (C) (U)

THELMA LEDBETTER gave the educational on Universal Military Training. All members were asked to write letters or post cards objecting to Universal Military Training. Leaflets are to be purchased by the club from the American Friends Service Committee, Box 966M, Pasadena 20, California, concerning Universal Military Training. (C) (U)

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The club was to have a fund-raising party on 4/30/55, but informant learned that due to a severe rainstorm, the party was not well attended, and took in very little funds for the treasury. (C) (U)

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Assembly
California Legislature

CHARLES EDWARD CHAPEL
MEMBER CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE
FORTY-SIXTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CORPORATIONS
P. O. BOX 777, INGLEWOOD 5, CALIFORNIA

August 22, 1955

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California

Attn: District Investigator

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a form letter and a circular advertising a new book, THE ATOM SPY HOAX, by William A. Reuben. If this matter is not subversive, I am unable to evaluate such literature.

Very cordially yours,

Charles Edward Chapel

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1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 17, California
August 24, 1955

Mr. Charles Edward Chapel
P. O. Box 777
Inglewood 5, California

Dear Mr. Chapel:

Thank you for your letter of August 22, 1955 and its enclosure.

Your interest in making this information available is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. MALONE
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Security Setup Assailed by Harry Cain

Ex-GOP Senator, With Subversive Control Unit, Wants More Protection for Individuals

Harry P. Cain, a member of the Subversive Activities Control Board, last night charged the United States has developed a security apparatus which is "lopsided, unwieldy and capable of defeating the purposes for which it was created."

This situation, he said, could be partially straightened out by the creation of a Commission on Government Security which would streamline and consolidate the five security and two loyalty programs used in the United States today.

The creation of such a commission is proposed in resolutions now pending in Congress.

Seeks Law Change

In addition, Cain called for a four-point program he said is further designed to protect the rights of individuals. It would:

1—Amend the law requiring accused public servants to be suspended before a hearing to allow them to be suspended summarily or be retained until their reliability for future service was determined.

2—Adopt a public defender system for the courts so indigent defendants could obtain legal counsel.

3—Provide hearing boards with the power to subpoena witnesses against the accused if it did not jeopardize national security.

4—Create a screening procedure to evaluate derogatory information against a prospective employee before he is hired.

Fears Hasty Action

"My view is," Cain declared, "that freedom and internal security can be made to be compatible, but not unless we make absolutely certain that American principles and good purposes are supported and advanced by traditional American procedures and methods.

"These improvements would amount to a practical bar to persecution and they would make hasty, thoughtless and obviously bad judgments less likely.

"They would better equip us to work together as a nation in conquering the sometimes bewildering, and always difficult, problems of the future."

303 Groups Listed

Cain explained the Subversive Activities Control Board was created to determine, on petition by the Attorney General, whether or not an organization is subversive.

He said since the board was founded two years ago it has found in favor of the Attorney General six times and has heard, or is in the process of hearing, 14 petitions.

He estimated out of the 303 organizations on the Attorney General's list, 150 no longer exist or are out of business.

A self-styled "conservative," and former Republican Senator from the State of Washington, Cain spoke under the auspices of the American Civil Liberties Union in the Sartu Theater.

GIVES VIEWS — Harry Cain of Subversive Activities Control Board, proposes changes in law.
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Belgian Dockers Strike

ANTWERP, Belgium, June 27 (AP)—Twelve thousand Antwerp dockers went on strike this morning for a pay raise. Ninety ships were affected.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-3267) Date 8/26/55

FROM: SA H. EDWIN STIFFLER

SUBJECT: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION IS-C

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Source	Date of Activity	Date Received	Agent	Location
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be protected.	6/27/55	7/12/55	SA H. EDWIN STIFFLER	[redacted] b7D

The report of the above informant, a carbon copy of a report of one of the operators of [redacted] known to this office as [redacted], is substantially as follows:

On 6/27/55, a meeting sponsored by the ACLU was held at the Sartu Theater, 7080 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles. Some 200 people were in attendance, and informant recognized the following:

FRANK WILKINSON
SOL MONROY

Informant noted that the theater was dark and that identities were impossible.

When informant arrived, PAUL ORR was speaking and was describing the good job MR. AL WIRIN, his attorney, had done before the HCUA hearings that morning. ORR then renewed his right to stand on the 5th Amendment.

The chairman, who was unknown to the informant, introduced ROBERT PETTINGILL, who made the pitch.

(U) The main speaker, HARRY CAIN, was introduced. He is from the Subversive Activities Control Board. According to informant, CAIN stated he had come to Los Angeles just to be at this particular meeting.

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cc: [redacted] b6 b7C
100-42225 [redacted]
100-16439 (F. WILKINSON)
100-35419 (P. ORR)
100-4876 (A. WIRIN)
100-34597 [redacted]
62-1664 (HCUA)

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Informant stated that CAIN's speech was based around the following points:

The person accused of subversive activity should be able to face his accuser.

The Attorney General's subversive list should be revised, and if a person did belong to a subversive organization he should be given the chance to explain the conditions under which he entered this subversive organization.

A copy of LES CLAYPOOL's "Free Press" was distributed at the entrance to the lobby of the theater. In addition, a leaflet, "Invest in Brotherhood," a reprint from the "Daily News," on 4/20/54, regarding Ormsby Village Foundation, 2936 W. 8th Street, Los Angeles, and "Who Are They?," issued by the American Civil Liberties Union, Southern California Branch, and a copy of "Open Forum," official organ of the ACLU, were distributed. The informant's report indicates that [redacted] has this data.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-17796) DATE: August 26, 1955

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: EASTERN DIVISION, LACCP IS - C

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Informant	Date of Activity and/or Description	Date Received	Agent	Location
[redacted]	Meeting of City Terrace Section Board, LACCP, [redacted]	6/16/55	[redacted]	b6 b7C b7D

A meeting of the City Terrace (aka City Heights) Section Board, LACCP, was held at the home of [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

[redacted] reported on the "PW" fund drive, urging that the various clubs get busy raising money. She stated that in order to stimulate the drive everyone should at least get in their day's pay immediately. The individual projects planned by some of the comrades b6 b7C

[redacted] b6 b7C

cc: [redacted] b7D

100-25491
100-31841
100-34974
100-5154
100-17103
100-20063
100-30731
100-18703
100-23933 (Membership)
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[redacted] in order to raise money for the "PW" fund drive included [redacted] and [redacted] on June 26 and 27, 1955, which they would sell; [redacted] and [redacted] selling material for drapes, bedspreads, and upholstery. It was stated that the section would have to raise $960 by July 8, 1955 to reach the 40 per cent mark. It was decided that this section would challenge the Boyle Heights Section, who had the same quota. The informant advised that the Boyle Heights area had two sections, the Boyle Heights Section under [redacted] and the Whitney Section, of which section the informant believed [redacted]

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[redacted] gave a report on the evaluation of the registration based on a report given by the division. She stated that the three objectives of this registration were census, individual discussions, and the opportunity to evaluate the work of the individual, the club, and the section. She stated that the registration was 92.4 per cent of the previous years registration, and that there were a few drops, some moves, and a number of deaths. She stated that a loss in the Mexican membership was felt since the Mexican membership was so low that any loss was considered a big one. The figures indicated that there was very little recruiting done.

[redacted] continued by stating that 21.7 per cent of the comrades were in trade unions, and it was important that particular attention and guidance be given to these comrades. She stated that there were an equal number of comrades in right wing and left wing organizations, and that the strength of balance must be put in the right wing organizations. She stated that there were a small number in the NAACP, ACLU, and the League of Women Voters, and with the increased contacts in mass organizations there was a potential for recruiting. It was stated that the party in the past had feared approaching contacts, but that this was not the present situation. With the possibility of setting up contact classes, realistic calls for recruiting could be discussed.

[redacted] stated that there was a better understanding of individual problems and a closer relationship between the individual and club chairman. She reported that there was a definite turning out of the party instead of inner party work with the weakness being that not enough discussions were being held in clubs and not enough direction being given. She stated that the section should keep in mind the following proposals in discussion of its plan of working: 1. The level of coalition in the community, how to raise that level, and to what level; 2. Individual club problems, clubs not sufficiently functional should be in closely related fields, and educationals should be geared to problems faced in mass organizations; 3. Try

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to gear party campaigns so that they do a minimum amount of distracting the individual from his mass work.

[redacted] gave the initial report on the plan of work, stating that the main job was uniting the community, which was made up of groups of minority people. She stated that the largest per cent in the community was the Mexican population, and there were no Mexican organizations in the community. She added that the PTA had done a good job of integration by placing Mexican women in leading positions, and that the establishment of a Democratic Party in the community would be another method of uniting the various groups. She stated that the Wabash-City Terrace Coordinating Council was composed of representatives of many organizations including Mexican groups, and that this organization was one of the key ones for mass concentration. LEAH stated that the nursery school had few Mexicans in it and only a limited amount of work could be done through this organization. She stressed the need for some type of youth activity in the community, stating that the only youth group currently in operation was the East Los Angeles Youth Council under the sponsorship of the Wabash-City Terrace Coordinating Council.

[redacted] advised that the peace activities in right wing mass organizations must be re-evaluated. She stated that various actions should be taken by mass organizations in order to secure a more peaceful world. Various ways of bringing the pease issue to organizations such as the B'nai Brith, the Wabash-City Terrace Coordinating Council, and the Democratic Club were discussed. Each comrade present was urged to go into these organizations and become active.

In regard to the "PW," [redacted] stated that on inner party activities it had been a very consistent project, but that it was now time to draw the readers closer, perhaps by means of readers groups and forums, with the eventual possibility of recruiting. b6 b7C

[redacted] urged that further thought be given to recruiting and she suggested that names be turned in so that contact classes could be set up. She stated that with four or five names a class could be started.

It was announced that the next meeting would be a resume of discussions held in the clubs on the negro question with a discussion on the recent PTA Convention to be lead by [redacted]

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-3267) DATE: 7/27/55

FROM: SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past b7D	6/3/55	6/28/55	[redacted] b6 b7C	[redacted] b7D (C) (U)

The above report refers to a meeting sponsored by the Committee on Immigration and Deportation, ACLU, at which EDWARD CORSI spoke, at the Sartu Theatre, Hollywood Boulevard and La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles. (C) (U) (U) (C)

[redacted] was urged to go to this meeting by ROSE CHERNIN of the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and to bring along as many of his Italian group from the Sons of Columbus as possible. He was also instructed to contact [redacted] of SOC, and have him go and listen to CORSI and, if possible, have him announced, so he could be directly involved and meet EDWARD CORSI. [redacted] followed these instructions, and [redacted] and [redacted] attended. [redacted] maneuvered not to have his name announced as [redacted] however, for which he was later reprimanded by [redacted] (C) (U) b6 b7C b6 b7C

cc: [redacted] b7D
100-23660 (R. CHERNIN)
100-22822 [redacted] (U)
100-25403 (P. KUSNITZ)
100-30510 [redacted] (C)
100-39463
100-35438
100-50127
100-24349 (INTERNAT'L REL) b6 b7C
100-24350 (RELIGION)

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EDWARD CORSI spoke about his experiences in Washington in regard to the Refugee Act, etc. He stated nothing that had not previously appeared in the press. (C) (U)

Present at this meeting were approximately three hundred people, among whom were the following: (C) (U)

ROSE CHERNIN	PAUL KUSNITZ
FANYA BERNSTEIN	HELEN COSTELLO
FRANK TOUCH	FRANK NUZZO
GENE SERENO	TONY CAMPOSA
JAMES FANTAUZZO	GIUSTO INGOGLIA

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The above report states that [redacted] told [redacted] to endeavor to have [redacted] member of the Sons of Columbus, who is also [redacted] become interested in the recent friction between [redacted] of Argentina and the Catholic Church, [redacted] stating this would be useful, as [redacted] could be made to take this up in his Knights of Columbus Lodge, and the Knights of Columbus would protest to the EISENHOWER clique, who would, in turn, protest to [redacted] thus causing friction between the two countries. [redacted] stated that we must try at all times to create as much friction and hard feelings between other countries and the United States as possible so it would weaken our (United States') standing among the nations of the world. (C) (U)

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-3267)

DATE: August 15, 1955

FROM : SA [redacted]

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(U) Former security informant [redacted] moved her residence from [redacted] in [redacted] she having been advised at that time by representatives of the CP [redacted] that she would be transferred to a CP unit at or near [redacted] (C) (U)

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By bulet dated July 5, 1955, the Bureau instructed that since former [redacted] was no longer qualified to be classified as a security informant, her symbol number was being cancelled by the Bureau. Bulet continued that in the event informant should again be in a position to furnish information regarding security matters, consideration would be given at that time regarding her reactivation. (C) (U)

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San Diego letter to Bureau dated July 25, 1955 requested authority for that division to contact former informant as a PSI at [redacted] if the Los Angeles Office had no known objection to such contact. Los Angeles has no such objection and the Bureau and San Diego were so advised in a recent letter to the Bureau. It is assumed that former [redacted] will be contacted by the San Diego Office as a PSI in the near future. (C) (U)

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Former [redacted] who is currently [redacted] She resides at [redacted] and is occupied as a [redacted] She understands that her services are no longer to be utilized by the Los Angeles Office; however, in view of the above, her name should be kept confidential in setting out information furnished by her. Her identity should be protected by a T symbol followed by the phrase, "who has furnished reliable information in the past." She should be set forth on the Administrative Page as [redacted] whose identity is being concealed pending her possible reactivation as an informant in the San Diego Office." She has advised in the past that she would be willing to testify in a court of law. Copies of this membrandum are being designated for the potential witness file and the individual case files of the Los Angeles Office and other offices where information has been furnished. (C) (U)

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O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-3267) Date: 9/19/55

FROM: SA JOHN S. TEMPLE

SUBJECT: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
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On 8/24/55, Mr. [redacted] orally advised SA JOHN S. TEMPLE [redacted] a function at the Sartu Theater, Hollywood Blvd. and La Brea Ave., Los Angeles, on 6/27/55, which was sponsored by the ACLU. The featured speaker was HARRY CAIN, former United States Senator, State of Washington, and presently a member of the Subversive Activities Control Board, with headquarters in Washington D.C. b6 b7C b7D

Mr. [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose name should be treated confidentially if used in a report, declared he arrived at the meeting place at approximately 7:25 P.M., at which time he observed the following individuals at the theater:

FRANK C. DAVIS	FRED OKRAND
ROBERT KENNEY	A.L. WIRIN
VICTOR SHAPIRO	VERN PARTLOW

At approximately 8:05 P.M., HARRY CAIN arrived in the company of ROBERT PETTINGILL and EASON MONROE, director, ACLU, Los Angeles, Calif. [redacted] declared [redacted] CAIN before the meeting officially opened, at which time [redacted] he was appearing before a "group of Communists." CAIN stated [redacted] that he would tell his story to anyone, any place, at any time. [redacted] Communists, and then proceeded to [redacted] whom he introduced as a Communist. b6 b7C b7D

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cc: 100-42713 (E. MONROE) (SI)
100-32121 [redacted]
100-28015 (V. SHAPIRO) (SI)
100-45507 (F. OKRAND)
100-4876 (A. WIRIN)
100-21742 [redacted]
100-44437
100-35419 (P. ORR) (SI)
62-2357 [redacted]
62-1664 (HCUA)

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[redacted] noted the hall did not exhibit an American flag, nor was the meeting opened with a pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

ROBERT PETTINGILL made the introductory remarks, [redacted] ROBERT VOGEL, member of the ACLU and the Friends Service Committee, gave a short talk about the recent (May, 1955) Supreme Court decision concerning individuals who testify before the Congressional Committees.

PAUL ORR then took the podium, at which time he reportedly gave an insolent speech, claiming he would be a Fifth Amendment witness, and telling how he would defy the committee. [redacted] had noted that ORR had been subpoenaed before the HCUA, which convened in the Los Angeles Federal Building on 6/27/55.

[redacted] VERN PARTLOW then sang a few songs entitled "I Got Shoes," a song concerning atom bombing; "Rejoice;" and the "Red Hot Herring Drag." He was followed by ROBERT PETTINGILL, who made a fund-raising speech. Reportedly, over $1,000.00 was raised from the audience, [redacted]

CAIN then made the major address of the evening, the substance of which is briefed in an article which appeared in the "Los Angeles Times," dated 6/28/55, (100-3267-402).

[redacted] the entire speech of Mr. CAIN was taped by the "Claypool Free Press," and would be made available to groups or clubs upon request.

Following the meeting, the ex-Senator from the State of Washington was surrounded by interested members of the audience. CAIN was overheard [redacted] telling one of the members of the audience that he was alarmed at the industrial control security program. [redacted] PETTINGILL, MONROE and VOGEL passing a check between them, which MONROE subsequently handed to CAIN. [redacted] he was unable to see the amount of the check or the maker of the instrument. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] as CAIN was leaving the theater, [redacted] Mr. CAIN just who was writing his material. CAIN refused to answer [redacted] why he was making speeches similar to the one he had just made, and why he did not make similar speeches to the Elks, Rotary, American Legion or some similar service or veteran organization. CAIN is reported to have told [redacted] "just wouldn't understand."

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-3267) Date: 9/1/55

FROM: SA ROBERT J. BARRY

SUBJECT: ACLU
IS-C

[redacted] who furnished reliable information in the past, was a member of the Communist Party from [redacted] and cooperated with this Bureau from [redacted] at which time [redacted]

During her association with this office [redacted] furnished information on the above-captioned subject.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES [redacted] DATE: 8/26/55

FROM : SA LEON J. MEYER

SUBJECT: [redacted] U b6 b7C b7D

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By letter dated 8/11/55 the Bureau was advised that the captioned individual was being discontinued as a PSI. [redacted] has indicated that she is willing to testify and her name may be set out when information furnished by her is reported. b6 b7C b7D

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and was active in several Communist dominated organizations in the Los Angeles area from [redacted]. Copies of this memo are being channelized to all files on individuals and organizations concerning which captioned informant has furnished information.

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cc: 100-32993 [redacted] b6 b7C
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100-34031
100-33674
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100-34853
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100-30962
100-35836
100-34446
100-43681 (D. MARSHALL)
100-22800 [redacted]
100-23544
100-35147 (Bellamy Centennial Club)
100-30582 (A. RICHMOND)
100-40702 (Trade Union Comm. to Repeal Smith Act)
100-40242 (S. NEARING)
100-34374 [redacted]
100-41648 (LACSJRC)
100-33737 [redacted]
100-34630
100-936
100-3108 (E. FREED)
100-23717 (CRC)
100-3267 (ACLU)

100-4848 [redacted]
100-34631
100-7500 (R. BOROUGH)
100-30702 [redacted]
62-3417
100-33438
100-40384
100-21986
100-43962 (F. EISENBERG) b6 b7C
100-4991 [redacted]
100-17911
100-43951
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100-29670
100-44881 (LAFTL)
100-33378 [redacted]
100-25794 b6
100-24756 b7C
100-24607
100-41301 (E. HOLMES)
100-31229 (Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice)
100-33896 (LBPC)
100-45336 (Ormsby Village)
100-48694 (ECTOW)
100-40023 [redacted]
100-40024 (B. PAZNEY)
100-17337 (A. STRONG)
100-38328 (R. GRUMBINE)

100-40242 (S. NEARING)
100-52178 [redacted]
100-24642 (S. FRITCHMAN)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-24225)

DATE: 9/22/55

FROM: SA [redacted] b6 b7C

(All necessary action in connection with the above has been taken by the writer.)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL, SOUTHLAND JEWISH ORGANIZATION (SJO) IS-C

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be protected.	9/1/55	9/13/55	Writer	[redacted]

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The above report refers to a meeting sponsored by the SJO and held at 5727 Melrose Ave., (LA), on 9/1/55. This informant orally stated to the writer on 9/15/55, that he thought this meeting was chaired by JULES KOGAN. (U)

The above report reflects that there were about 50 people present at the affair, and the informant named the following as being among those present: (U)

ROSE CHERNIN HARRY CARLYLE
GENE SERENO YOLANDA MODOTTI
Rabbi LEONARD GREENBERG who assisted the chairman, orally named above by informant as JULES KOGAN.

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cc:
100-3267 (ACLU)
100-50147 (SDC)
100-1783 (LACPFB)
100-23660 (R. CHERNIN)(SI)
100-24343 [redacted]
80-228 (JCC)
100-36385 [redacted]
100-26045 (DOMESTIC ISSUES)
65-4859 [redacted]
100-23423 (POLITICAL ACTIVITY)
100-50727 (L. LONDON) (CI)
100-25647
100-47480
100-46072 [redacted]
100-7958 (J. FEINBERG)(SI)
100-16326 [redacted]

100-35438 [redacted] b6 b7C
100-39114 [redacted]
100-36876 (J.KOGAN)(SI)
100-42619 [redacted]
100-46585 [redacted]
100-52891 [redacted]

100-31737 (I. HALPERN)(SI)
100-22019
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Informant advised that this meeting was called for the purpose of deciding ways and means to defeat the Walter-Mc Carran Act. (C) (U)

After a brief address by the chairman (JULES KOGAN), Rabbi LEONARD GREENBERG asked that the group decide on how they should proceed, that is, if they should have a fact sheet, petitions, committees, etc. At this time JAMES ROOSEVELT came in and the chairman introduced him and he began to give a brief report on his activities in Congress during the last session in regard to the Walter-Mc Carran Act, the Anfuso Bill, and the petition to discharge same, etc. He was asked some questions by HARRY CARLYLE, but it all boiled down to the following suggestions from ROOSEVELT, according to this informant: (C) (U)

1. The group should try to make a Presidential issue of the Walter-Mc Carran Act in the next campaign. (At this point, ROSE CHERNIN told informant that that was just as they had done in the Korean War situation.) (C) (U) (U)

2. It would be good if the group could, in some way, figure to arrange for protests and demonstrations of protest from different parts of the country at the same time, instead of the usual pleas coming solely from the two coasts only. (C) (U)

3. He said further that they should put pressure on all the Congressmen at the same time, instead of writing to only one or two as in the case with him. He said that this would then show that all the people want the change in the Act and he also said that some Congressmen would get tired of being the only ones written to. He stressed this point further by saying that if they put pressure on all the Congressmen the issue would be discussed at luncheon and dinner tables, committee meetings, etc., as a common subject. (C) (U)

ROOSEVELT said that the Lehman-Celler combination bills or the Humphrey Bill are better than the Anfuso Bill, but that if the group did not hear of the bills coming out of committee at a reasonable time in the near future, it should seek the signature of himself and others on the petition to the Anfuso Bill. He also remarked that Senator (Representative) WALTER, who co-authored the bill, would agree to some changes,

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just as long as his name was not taken off the bill. He said that so far as he was concerned, the bill should be repealed and not changed, but that he understood that WALTER was daily meeting with committee men to figure ways and means to overcome the pressure which is mounting to repeal the bill. He said that the group should try to understand that WALTER is only fighting for his political life just as every other Congressman does. (C) (U)

ROOSEVELT answered one or two questions and then left for another appointment. Informant advised that ROOSEVELT did say before leaving that the Jewish Community Council, which informant believes to be the leading group of the SJO, had written ROOSEVELT a letter in regard to instant meeting in which the JCC had stated that it did not endorse the actions of SJO and would rather submit a plan of its own. ROOSEVELT said, however, "Here I am, as I believe that citizens are citizens." He finished by saying that he would give the SJO a copy of the letter received by him from JCC, as well as his answer to the letter. He said that if the SJO had any comments he would like to hear them so that he could incorporate them in his reply to the JCC. Informant advised that on the side ROSE (CHERNIN) [redacted] the JCC was trying to stop the SJO from doing "something decent." [redacted] b7D [redacted] her point in saying this statement and [redacted] discuss the statement [redacted] (C) (U) (U) (C)

Out of the above meeting came the following points: (C) (U)

1. The group should get out a fact sheet compiled from various existing fact sheets. (C) (U)

2. The group should have speakers to go around to the various organizations, which will probably be supplied by the ACLU. (C) (U)

3. The members will visit their various Congressmen. (C)

4. The group will form a steering committee. (Informant advised in this connection that a continuance committee of six or seven people was formed with his group, including TONY CAMPOSA.) The committee was to meet two or three times before the general meeting on 9/22/55, at the same place. (C) (U)

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Members were to be notified of the steering committee meeting. The committee was to figure ways and means to present to the large meeting which would probably be a council made up of organizational heads or their representatives, and would be held, as mentioned before, on 9/22/55. (U)

At instant meeting YOLANDA MODOTTI gave a report on what the Sons of Columbus had done and is doing on helping to repeal the Walter-Mc Carran Act. She gave the chairman a copy of the resolution of her group which had been passed at a special session of the State Executive Council last year. (U)

Informant advised that instant meeting adjourned at 10 P.M. (U)

On 8/31/55, [redacted] furnished the writer with a mimeographed SJO letter dated [redacted] signed by [redacted] JULIUS KOGAN [redacted] as SJO [redacted] first vice-president, [redacted] respectively. This letter announced the above meeting and also included a notification that the Honorable JAMES ROOSEVELT, Congressman, 26th CD, had accepted an invitation to participate in this meeting. The notice about Congressman ROOSEVELT was dated 8/23/55. The above is filed now as [redacted] (U)

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Also on 8/31/55, [redacted] furnished the writer with a mimeographed statement of the SJO dated 8/24/55, entitled, "Facts About the Walter-Mc Carran Act," in which the SJO gives its analysis of the above act and the SJO position in opposition to the act. This is now filed as [redacted] (U)

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On 9/2/55, [redacted] furnished the writer with a printed SJO leaflet captioned "Ten Important Facts About Southland Jewish Organization," in which the activity of the SJO is outlined and the various officers of the SJO executive board, of the chapters, and the major committee chairmen for 1955-1956 are listed. This leaflet is now filed in [redacted] and the above-mentioned officers are as follows: (U)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

BEN BERMAN	President
JULIUS KOGAN	First Vice-President

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MIGNON ROTHSTEIN	Second Vice-President
DAVID GRUTMAN	Third Vice-President
EVELYN T. MOYER	Fourth Vice-President
DOROTHY LESH	Recording Secretary
MITZI ROSENBLATT	Corresponding Secretary
SALLY JACKSON	Treasurer
ISIDOR STEINHART	Financial Secretary
EVELYN T. MOYER	Chairman, Education Committee
LEE RELIN	Chairman, Interculture Committee
IRVING HALPERN	Chairman, Jewish Affairs Committee
ISIDOR STEINHART	Chairman, Legislative Committee

CHAPTERS

Democracy	ETHEL KATZ, Pres.
Freedom	MIRIAM FRIEDMAN, Pres.
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Liberty-Justice	JEAN FEINBERG, Pres.
Progress	LEAH LONDON, Pres.
Sholom	SYLVIA SIMS, Pres.
Valley	SELMA FELDMAN, Pres.
Victory	YETTA JUDD, Pres.
Albert Einstein	ADELE SIEGEL, Pres.

MAJOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

ISIDOR STEINHART	Budget
JULIUS KOGAN	Coordinating
ROYAL JUDD	House
EVELYN SWERDLOW	Manpower
MITZI ROSENBLATT	Membership
IDA SPIEGEL	Organization
JACOB GENDELMAN	Parliamentarian
SYLVIA RUBIN	Telephone
BEADIE G. STONE	Ways & Means
DAVID STONE	Publicity

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-3267) DATE: October 5, 1955

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: A.C.L.U.
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~~APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF Class DATE 8-18-78~~ (U)

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Former security informant [redacted] was cancelled as an informant per Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 7/8/55. ~~(C)~~ (U)

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By Bulet dated 7/20/55, Los Angeles was instructed to ascertain the availability of this former informant, with a view to having him agree to testify in open court or before administrative hearing boards concerning the information he has furnished.

Former [redacted] is [redacted] He resides at [redacted] and is unemployed. [redacted] is a white male, [redacted] of age and a graduate of [redacted] ~~(C)~~ (U)

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[redacted] became active on behalf of the Los Angeles Office in [redacted] He has been a member of the [redacted] has been active in the Los Angeles Committee to [redacted] and a member of the [redacted] ~~(C)~~ (U)

[redacted] understands that his services are no longer to be utilized by the Los Angeles Office; however, he requested that his name should be kept confidential in setting out information furnished by him. His identity should be protected by a "T" symbol followed by the phrase "who has furnished reliable information in the past." He should be set forth on the administrative pages as [redacted] former [redacted] who requested his identity be concealed. ~~(C)~~ (U)

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[redacted] has advised that he would be willing to testify in a court of law, or before administrative hearing boards. (C) (U)

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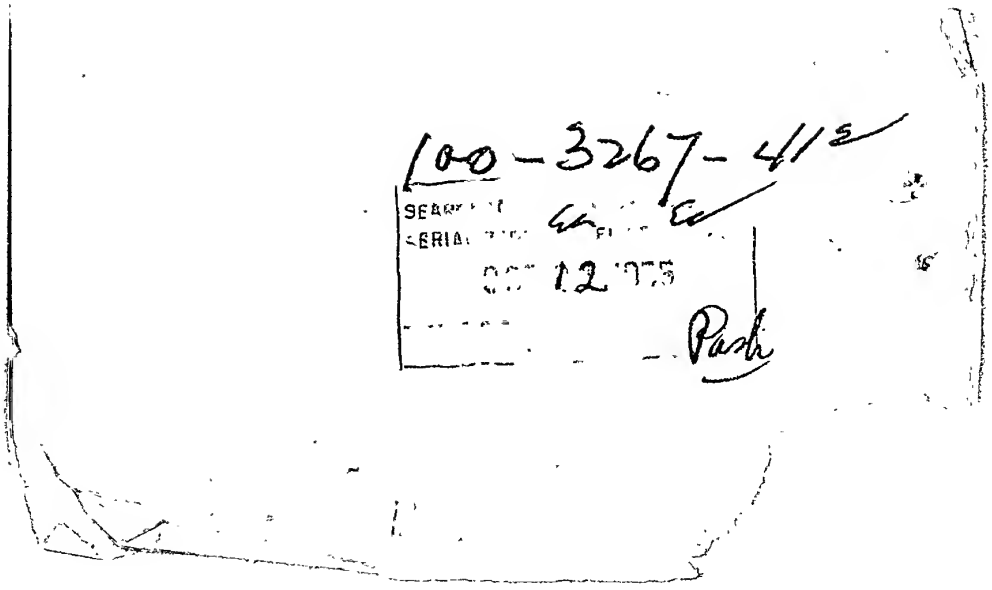
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MEETING SPONSORED BY AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PLACE: SANTU THEATER, 7060 HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

DATE: 27 JUNE 1955 - 8:30 P.M.

THE MEETING BEGAN AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 P.M., THE INTRODUCTION BEING GIVEN BY ROBERT B. PETTENGILL, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU). HIS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS WERE GENERAL IN NATURE, BUT ONE GATHERED THAT THE MAIN POINT HE WISHED TO GET ACROSS WAS THAT THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE PRESENTLY HOLDING HEARINGS IN LOS ANGELES WAS FLAGRANTLY VIOLATING THE FIRST AND FIFTH AMENDMENTS. HE DESCRIBED THEIR ACTIVITIES AS "AN INQUISITION." HE MAINTAINED THAT THE BULWARK OF THE ACLU IS THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THAT THE CONSTITUTION IS BEING VIOLATED BY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEES CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

MR. PETTENGILL WAS FOLLOWED BY ROBERT S. VOGEL, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ACLU. MR. VOGEL MADE A FEW REMARKS OF HIS OWN REGARDING THE VICIOUS ACTIVITIES BEING CARRIED ON BY THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE AND EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS ONLY THROUGH ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE ACLU THAT INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHTS ARE BEING PROTECTED AND UPHELD UNDER THE CONSTITUTION.

MR. VOGEL INTRODUCED ABRAHAM LINCOLN WIRIN WHO CURRENTLY IS REPRESENTING PAUL WRIGHT ORR, A BIOLOGY STOCK ROOM SUPERVISOR AT CAL TECH. MR. ORR WAS QUESTIONED ON 27 JUNE 1955 BY THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REGARDING HIS COMMUNISTIC AFFILIATIONS. HE REPEATEDLY FELL BACK ON THE FIRST AND FIFTH AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND QUESTIONED THE COMMITTEE'S RIGHT TO DELVE INTO HIS BACKGROUND DURING THE HEARING THAT DAY. MR. WIRIN HAD MANY IDEAS OF HIS OWN REGARDING RIGHTS OF WITNESSES BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. THEY WERE ALL EXTREMELY LIBERAL IN NATURE, AND HE STATED HE FELT THAT A COMMITTEE HAD NO RIGHT TO ASK PERSONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT A MAN'S BACKGROUND IF THE MAN DID NOT CARE TO DIVULGE THE INFORMATION.

MR. WIRIN WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTED CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN'S RECENT DECISION REAFFIRMING THE RIGHTS OF WITNESSES UNDER THE FIFTH AMENDMENT AND POINTED OUT SEVERAL CASES WHERE HE FELT THAT INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN HURT AND PREJUDICED AGAINST DUE TO THEIR CHOOSING TO STAND ON THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND PROVISIONS OF THE FIFTH AMENDMENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE FIRST AND FIFTH AMENDMENTS ARE PART OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND, AS SUCH, WERE VIGOROUSLY FOUGHT FOR BY OUR FOREFATHERS AND THEY SHOULD NOT BE LOOKED DOWN UPON IN THIS DAY OF "FEAR." HE ACCUSED THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES OF EXCEEDING THE SCOPE OF THEIR DUTIES AND OF USING METHODS FOSTERED BY THE NAZIS, FASCISTS, AND COMMUNISTS TO GATHER INFORMATION AGAINST SO-CALLED SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY TODAY. HE FEELS THAT THE METHODS USED BY THESE COMMITTEES ARE AS WRONG AS THE SUBJECT THEY ARE INVESTIGATING.

THIS OFFICE HAS ON FILE NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO THE BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN WIRIN, ALL OF WHICH INDICATE THAT HE IS EXTREMELY LIBERAL IN HIS THINKING AND SYMPATHETIC TOWARD THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

Mr. WIRIN INTRODUCED HIS MOST RECENT CLIENT, PAUL WRIGHT ORR, MENTIONED BEFORE. Mr. ORR GAVE A SHORT PREPARED TALK ON HOW WONDERFUL HE THOUGHT Mr. WIRIN WAS AND HOW MUCH HE NOW APPRECIATED THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES INASMUCH AS HE HAD UNDERGONE A VERY TRYING EXPERIENCE WITH THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE THAT VERY AFTERNOON. HE STATED HE FELT HE HAD BEEN VINDICATED BY THE COMMITTEE AND THAT HE WOULD SUFFER AS A CONSEQUENCE. HE FELT, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAT HE STAND ON HIS RIGHTS UNDER THE FIRST AND FIFTH AMENDMENTS TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND IN HOPES THAT HE MAY HAVE DONE SOME SMALL PART IN PROMOTING THE EXTENSION OF THE RIGHTS GRANTED UNDER THESE AMENDMENTS. Mr. ORR MADE ABSOLUTELY NO ADMISSIONS REGARDING HIS PAST ACTIVITIES AND IN NO WAY DID HE ATTEMPT TO DEFEND HIMSELF AGAINST THE ALLEGATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST HIM TO THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.

FOR A CHANGE IN TEMPO AND AIMED AT RELAXING THE AUDIENCE, Mr. ORR WAS FOLLOWED BY VERN PARTLOW, A GUITAR PLAYER AND BALLAD SINGER, WHO VERY EVIDENTLY WAS LEFT-WING IN HIS THINKING. WE HAVE NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO VERN PARTLOW ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE AND THEY ALL INDICATE HE IS AN ULTRALIBERAL AND HAS BEEN SUSPECTED OF BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY. HIS MAIN NUMBER FOR THE EVENING WAS A BALLAD WHICH HE WROTE HIMSELF ENTITLED, "THE RED HERRING DRAG." THE WORDS OF THE BALLAD ARE TO THE EFFECT THAT WE ARE LETTING THE COUNTRY "GO TO POT" AND BLAMING EVERYTHING ON THE REDS.

Mr. PARTLOW WAS FOLLOWED BY THE MAIN GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE EVENING, EX-SENATOR HARRY P. CAIN FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, PRESENTLY AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD. Mr. CAIN WAS APPOINTED TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED POSITION BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND HE IS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN REVAMPING THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACTS PRESENTLY ON STATUTES IN THIS COUNTRY. DURING HIS SPEECH, WHICH CONSISTED OF A TWENTY-THREE PAGE TYPEWRITTEN PREPARED ADDRESS, Mr. CAIN HIT UPON THE INJUSTICE DONE TO MANY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES UNDER THE LOYALTY AND SECURITY PROGRAMS PRESENTLY IN EFFECT IN THIS COUNTRY. HE STATED THAT WE HAVE ADOPTED SOME OF THE TOTALITARIAN METHODS IN ORDER TO FIGHT COMMUNISM IN THIS COUNTRY; AND IN SO DOING, WE HAVE VIOLATED THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Mr. CAIN SPOKE VERY HIGHLY OF CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN, AND HE WAS VERY BITTER IN HIS ATTACK ON PRIVATE EMPLOYERS USING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SUBVERSIVE LIST AS A METHOD FOR SCREENING EMPLOYEES. HE SAID THIS LIST WAS COMPILED FOR THE SCREENING OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND THE VERY FACT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAD BELONGED TO ONE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS CITED SHOULD NOT, IN ITSELF, BE A BAR FOR EMPLOYMENT IN PRIVATE COMPANIES. THIS MISUSE OF THE LIST IS ALL TOO PREVALENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TODAY. HE CITED AS "TRAGIC" THE FACT THAT SO MANY GOVERNMENT WORKERS RESIGNED "VOLUNTARILY" ONCE THEY WERE SUSPENDED AS A RESULT OF A SECURITY INVESTIGATION. HE STATED THAT UP TO JANUARY 1955 NO PROVISION WAS MADE FOR THESE EMPLOYEES TO HAVE LEGAL COUNSEL AND A HEARING TO DETERMINE THEIR GUILT OR INNOCENCE. HE STATED THAT AS OF 12 JANUARY 1955 THE BAR ASSOCIATION IN WASHINGTON, D. C., HAD GRANTED ITS SERVICES TO ANY INDIVIDUAL BEING CHARGED UNDER ONE OF THE SECURITY PROGRAMS AS BEING A SUSPECTED SUBVERSIVE.

THESE SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE IF THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO PAY. HE STATED TO DATE THIS ASSOCIATION HAS DEFENDED TWELVE INDIVIDUALS AND HAS NOT LOST A CASE. MR. CAIN STATED IT IS HIS FIRM BELIEF THAT SUSPENSION OF A SUSPECTED EMPLOYEE SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE EMPLOYER OR, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY INVOLVED RATHER THAN HAVING SUSPENSION BECOME MANDATORY AS A RESULT OF CERTAIN ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST THE EMPLOYEE.

AT THE PRESENT TIME CAIN IS WORKING ON THE FORMATION OF A COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT SECURITY, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO SURVEY THOROUGHLY AND REORGANIZE THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT SECURITY PROGRAM. MR. CAIN STATED THAT AMONG REVISIONS WHICH SHOULD BE ENACTED, HE PERSONALLY HAS SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING FOUR:

1. GIVING AGENCY HEADS OPTIONS ON SUSPENDING EMPLOYEES AGAINST WHOM DEROGATORY INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED INSTEAD OF MAKING IT MANDATORY AS AT PRESENT.

2. PROVIDING AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR ANY EMPLOYEE DESIRING IT AT A SECURITY HEARING.

3. HAVING SECURITY BOARDS WITH THE POWER OF SUBPOENAING WITNESSES.

4. SETTING UP COMMON PROCEDURES FOR EVALUATING DEROGATORY INFORMATION.

MR. CAIN CITED THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AS THE ONLY GOVERNMENT AGENCY OPERATING TODAY WHICH HAS A SEMBLANCE OF A FAIR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE INDIVIDUAL ON WHOM DEROGATORY INFORMATION HAS BEEN GATHERED. HE STATED THAT IN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION CASES THE EMPLOYEE IS GRANTED A HEARING, AT WHICH TIME HE IS MADE AWARE OF THE DEROGATORY INFORMATION ON FILE AGAINST HIM AND HE IS GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAR HIMSELF. HE SAID THIS PROCEDURE SHOULD BE ADOPTED BY ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

OF INTEREST TO THE WRITER WAS HIS THIRD POINT CONCERNING THE SECURITY BOARDS HAVING THE POWER TO SUBPOENA WITNESSES. THIS PARTICULAR POINT FALLS IN LINE WITH THE DESIRES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN THIS COUNTRY TODAY INASMUCH AS IT WILL MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR AN INDIVIDUAL ACCUSED TO BE FACED BY HIS ACCUSERS AND THUS MANY VALUABLE INFORMANTS MAINTAINED BY GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE IDENTIFIED AND, THEREFORE, WILL NO LONGER BE OF ANY USE TO THE RESPECTIVE AGENCIES. THE COMMUNIST PARTY REALIZES THAT IT IS INFILTRATED BY INFORMERS AND IT HAS THE DESIRE TO BRING THESE INFORMERS OUT INTO THE LIGHT SO THAT THE PARTY CAN EXPEL THEM AND MORE SUCCESSFULLY HIDE ITS ACTIVITIES. IF THE THIRD POINT OF THE ABOVE PROGRAM IS ENACTED, ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDED A GOVERNMENT AGENCY WITH INFORMATION WILL BE FORCED TO PUBLICALLY TESTIFY AS IN A COURT OF LAW IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ACCUSED. UNDER THE PROVISIONS SET OUT BY FEDERAL CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, IT CAN READILY BE SEEN THAT THIS IS A VERY STRONG TALKING POINT FOR THE COMMUNISTS IN THIS COUNTRY TODAY AS IT IS TRUE THAT UNDER FEDERAL LAW AS UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATES A PERSON HAS A RIGHT TO BE FACED BY HIS ACCUSER. IN THE WRITER'S OPINION, IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO SUPPRESS THIS IDEA EFFECTIVELY INASMUCH AS IT DOES HAVE MERIT. IT APPEARS THAT THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVING INFORMERS IN SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS TO COMPILE THE INFORMATION GIVEN THEM WITHOUT EVER ALLOWING THE INFORMER'S IDENTITY TO BE KNOWN.

MR. CAIN WENT ON TO EXPLAIN SEVERAL OTHER CASES INVOLVING THE DENIAL OF PASSPORTS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BELONGED TO SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS AND ANOTHER CASE WHEREIN AN INDIVIDUAL BELONGING TO A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION CITED ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S LIST WAS DENIED THE USE OF A PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT BECAUSE HE HAD BELONGED TO THIS ORGANIZATION. HE CITED MANY CASES OF THIS TYPE; HOWEVER, THE WRITER FELT THAT HIS MAIN PURPOSE IN GIVING THE TALK WAS TO OUTLINE THE ABOVE FOUR POINTS. HE PREDICTED A NEW ERA IN AMERICA'S INTERNAL SECURITY PROGRAM, SETTING OUT THE ABOVE PROGRAM AS THE FOUR "SAFEGUARDING MEASURES" TO BRING IT ABOUT.

A COLLECTION WAS TAKEN UP AT THIS MEETING. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PEOPLE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING, ALL OF WHOM SEEMED TO BE IN HEARTY SUPPORT OF THE SPEAKERS.

A VERY BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE PERSONS MENTIONED IN THIS REPORT IS AS FOLLOWS:

PARTLOW - A MEMBER OF THE NEWSPAPER GUILD. INSTRUCTOR AT THE PEOPLE'S EDUCATIONAL CENTER WHICH IS IDENTIFIED AS A COMMUNIST FRONT.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN WIRIN - ALLEGED TO BE A COMMUNIST. FORMER MEMBER OF THE LAW FIRM OF WIRIN, GALLAGHER AND JOHNSON. THE LATTER TWO ARE ALSO ALLEGED TO BE PARTY MEMBERS. HE DEVOTES ALMOST HIS ENTIRE TIME TO DEFENSE OF COMMUNIST AND LEFT-WING RADICALS AND HAS BEEN THE LEADER OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION SINCE ABOUT 1934. THE ONLY PERSONS WHOSE "CIVIL RIGHTS" HE REFUSED TO DEFEND WERE SOME EX-MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN BUND A FEW YEARS BACK.

ORR AND HIS WIFE VIOLET ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN PARTY MEMBERS FOR SOME YEARS. VIOLET RAN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE ON THE COMMUNIST PARTY TICKET IN CALIFORNIA IN 1934. (SEE RECENT McCLELLAN HEARINGS IN LOS ANGELES.)

VOGEL - ALLEGED RADICAL MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE A.C.L.U.

PETTENGILL - FORMER TEACHER AT PEOPLE'S EDUCATIONAL CENTER (SEE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SUBVERSIVE LIST). HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA "PEACE PLANE." HE WAS SPEAKER AT THE RADICAL UNITARIAN CHURCH PEOPLE'S PEACE MEETING IN JUNE, 1948. A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING AT THAT TIME SHOWED HIM CONFERRING WITH FORMER MINISTER OF ABOVE CHURCH, DR. ERNEST CALDECOTT AND THE PRESENT MINISTER, DR. STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN, BOTH OF WHOM ARE ALLEGED TO BE NOTORIOUS AIDS TO THE COMMUNISTS. IN MARCH, 1951 HE CHARTERED A DC-3 PLANE IN WHICH HE WENT TO ALASKA OSTENSIBLY TO VISIT ALASKAN CIVIL AND MILITARY DEFENSES. HE THEN FLEW TO THE RUSSIAN PRIBILOF ISLANDS SUPPOSEDLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PHOTOGRAPHING SEALS.

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The Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

William F. Tompkins, Assistant Attorney General,
Internal Security Division

American Civil Liberties Union
Meeting June 27, 1955.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of a letter received from [redacted] together with a copy of the information he furnished to this Division concerning the above meeting.

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TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: October 10, 1955

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FROM : Director, FBI (61-190)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

There is enclosed a copy of a Departmental memorandum dated October 3, 1955, in captioned matter, together with a Photostat of the details of a meeting sponsored on June 27, 1955, by the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.

As noted these minutes were made available by [redacted] whose background and identity are known to your office. [redacted] transmitted these minutes by letter dated August 18, 1955, addressed to the Attorney General of the United States for the latter's information and requested that his name be kept confidential in this regard. b6 b7C b7D

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-50147) DATE: 10/11/55

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: COMINFIL, SONS OF COLUMBUS OF AMERICA IS - C

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed.	9/15/55	9/27/55	[redacted]	[redacted]

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The above report refers to a meeting of the Giuseppe Verdi Council #97, Sons of Columbus of America, Kastriotta Hall, 3220 North Broadway, Los Angeles, GENE SERENO, President, presiding. Other present included YOLANDA MODOTTI or MAGRINI, ANGELO BERTOLINI, ANGELO BALDINELLI, BARTALOMEO BERTONE, Mrs. ADELINA MARIOTTI, MARIO LOMBARDO, Mr. and Mrs. SPINELLI (probably Mrs. CONCETTA SPINELLI), GIUSTO INGOGLIA, TONY CAMPOSA, Mr. and Mrs. BENJAMIN SFERRAZZA, and VINCENT GRANATA. (C) (U)

[redacted] (U) b6 b7C Read by: [redacted]

cc: [redacted] (C) b7D

65-4859 [redacted]
100-31131 (A. BERTOLINI) (SI)
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100-18216
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100-20264
100-38504
100-50127
100-35438
100-25688
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100-44402
100-20682
100-36876 (J. KOGAN)
100-43681 (D. MARSHALL)
100-43513 (WLA)
100-3267 (ACLU)
100-52895 (COMM. FORUM OF LA)
100-26045 (DOM. ISSUES)
100-24225 (SJO)

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Discussed were the delegates to the coming 11th National Convention of the Sons of Columbus in Pittsburgh. GENE SERENO stated that if possible he did not want to go and would have liked [redacted] or [redacted] to go instead. It was decided for the three to talk it over and decide on one by Sunday. It seems as though the President, who is an automatic delegate, will finally go under pressure by JIM FANTAUZZO. (C) (U)

A report was given by various members as to their visitation of their congressional representatives in regard to the Walter-McCarran Act's repeal in line with the policy of the LACPFB. Some had made appointments to visit them and will give their reports in the next meeting. (C) (U)

A report was given by [redacted] of the SJO meeting of 9/1/55 and [redacted] was elected as the [redacted] He will attend the meeting to be held on 9/22/55 and report to us [redacted] The president reported that he had taken the liberty of visiting [redacted] (U) (C) at his home along with our State Commissioner, JIM FANTAUZZO, and requested that [redacted] He asked for approval of his actions and was sanctioned along with the election of his choice. (C) (U)

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Also discussed was the Sunday meeting of the State Executive Council at which time our proposal of erecting a Casa Italiana or Italian Cultural Center will be taken up at a special meeting called under our pressure [redacted] (C) (U)

Also privately discussed after the meeting was the suggestion to hold another little affair to raise money for "L'Unita del Popolo" which is badly in need of funds. ANGELO reported that while in New York he could not locate the office of the paper and had to write to the Box Number in order to receive the address to visit them and give them the $25.00 which was embezzled by our group from the Sons of Columbus dance which we gave some time ago. ANGELO BERTOLINI was under the impression that this money was honestly raised. He is unaware to this day that it came from the dance. It was decided not to tell him for fear that he might object and talk. He is considered a weak person by the party. ANGELO BERTOLINI said that the code language in New York for money for the paper is "a suit". It was so mentioned over the phone when he said he had the money to give to the editors. (C) (U)

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM. (C) (U)

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On 9/21/55 [redacted] furnished the writer a mimeographed summary report that he had received in connection with a meeting held 9/1/55 at the SJO Office, 5725 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, wherein it is stated that JULIUS KOGAN, SJO Vice President was chairman of the above meeting, 9/1/55. It stated that [redacted] (Women for Legislative Action), GENE SERENO (Giuseppe Verdi Council #97, Sons of Columbus of America), [redacted] Giuseppe Verdi Council #97, Sons of Columbus of America, and [redacted] (ACLU), all related activities within their respective organizations which have helped to educate people to different aspects of the Act (Walter-McCarran Act), including sponsorship of meetings, calling on Congressmen and Senators for support and making speakers available for community talks". The summary report stated that the next meeting was planned for the evening of 9/22/(55), [redacted] of the SJO offering SJO facilities for the meeting. (C) (U) (U) (C)

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The summary report outlines discussion of JAMES ROOSEVELT during the above 9/1/55 meeting and stated that a Conditions Committee volunteered to meet before September 22nd "to explore further programmatic ideas" and that the volunteers included "DOROTHY MARSHALL (WLA), [redacted] (ACLU), GENE SERENO (SCA), [redacted] (SCA), [redacted] (Community Forum), SJO representative(s)." (C) (U)

The summary report was concluded with, "Respectfully submitted, [redacted] SJO), [redacted] (C) (U)

The above mimeographed report is dated 9/9/55 and is located in [redacted] (C) (U)

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All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-23717) DATE: 11/17/55

FROM: SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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The informant's report reads as follows: (C) (U)

The above meeting was held on [redacted] at 8:15 p.m., [redacted] (C) (U) b7D

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cc: 3 - Denver (REGISTERED) [redacted] (C) (U) (CRC) b6 b7C
1 - Atlanta (REGISTERED) (INGRAM CASE)
1 - Pittsburgh (REGISTERED) (STEVE NELSON) (C) (U)
1 - San Juan (REGISTERED)(INFO)
1 - New Orleans (REGISTERED) (TILL CASE)

100-23397 (CP BRIEF)
100-3267 (ACLU)
100-2700 (AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE)
100-24342 (LEGISLATIVE ACT.)
100-32407 (E. SEARLE)(SI)
100-24642 (S. FRITCHMAN)(SI) (C) (U)
100-31584 (NATIONAL GUARDIAN)
100-1034 [redacted]
100-21198 (J. LAWSON)(SI) (C) (U)

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100-4965 [redacted]
100-8119 (F. SPECTOR)(SI)
100-35024 [redacted]
100-3108 (E. FREED)(SI)
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ELIZABETH SPECTOR spoke on the recent Supreme Court decision to review the California Smith Act Case. She stated this is a partial victory. Now the campaign must be national in scope, because people all over the country have been and are in jail due to sentences received under this act. She stated there are some 17,000 pages of transcript on this California Case, and the cost of printing is $4 per page; therefore, much money will have to be raised. (She did not state by whom or that the CRC should undertake the principal task.) A twelve-page brochure--a summary-- of the amicus brief has been published, and free copies are obtainable. The informant is of the opinion that FRANK SPECTOR will, no doubt, write for some copies. (C) (U)

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ELIZABETH SPECTOR spoke especially about the Puerto Ricans who are being tried under the Smith Act and cited the fact that they speak the Spanish language but that the case will be tried in English, and the jury will consist of people who speak English. This will necessitate the Puerto Rican defendants having to have an interpretor. The point was that this is how American colonialism works--people cannot even be tried in their own courts in their own native tongue. (C) (U)

FRANK SPECTOR spoke on civil rights activities in general. He urged that people write to Senator THOMAS HENNING, Committee Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Conditional Rights, which was set up but which, for some reason, was postponed after one or two sessions. The 10/30/55 and 11/3/55 sessions were postponed, so they were requested to write urging that the hearing be resumed. (C) (U)

On 11/21/55, the Committee to Consider Proposals in Changing the Walter-McCarran Act, headed by Senator HARLEY KILGORE, will start sessions. The ACLU in Los Angeles has prepared a sixteen-page pamphlet on the Walter-McCarran Act for a cost of 10¢. (C) (U)

The Committee for Immigration and Naturalization on the Walter-McCarran Act will have a mass meeting on 11/18/55. The informant does not know who is behind this committee or where the mass meeting will be held. No mention of this was made. (C) (U)

On Saturday, 10/29/55, the Quakers are holding a Civil Rights Conference at the First Baptist Church, Westmoreland and Leeward, Los Angeles, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ROBERT VOGEL of the American Friends Service will head a panel on the subject "Have Civil Liberties Taken a Turn for the Better?" Another panel will deal with the subject "Can 1956 Bring a Walter-McCarran Act Change?" A Third Panel will be on "Disarmament." There are to be other panels, but these three were especially mentioned by FRANK SPECTOR. (C) (U)

On Sunday, 11/6/55, there will be a Civil Liberties Conference at the Jewish Community Center, 590 North Vermont, Los Angeles. (C) (U)

On 12/9,10/55, the ACLU will hold a historic conference on Civil Rights, at which FRANK SPECTOR and perhaps some of the California Smith Act victims will be in attendance. (C) (U) (U) (C)

On 11/18/55, [redacted] the mother of [redacted] will address a mass meeting in the Bay Cities area. (C) (U)

The informant believes that either FRANK or ELIZABETH SPECTOR will attend the Civil Rights Conference at the First Baptist Church on 10/29/55. (C) (U) b6 b7C

FRANK SPECTOR reported on the Steve Nelson Case and said that the brief will be filed 11/4/55 and that the hearings before the United States Supreme Court are expected to be held 11/14/55. To date, 200 signatures have been obtained on a national statement. Also, 244 signatures and $90 have been secured on the CRC petition. Then, FRANK stated that $225 had been obtained on the CRC petition, including a $100 contribution. Chapters must get more signatures, according to FRANK SPECTOR. They should get at least 1,000 signatures. (C) (U)

[redacted] reported [redacted] ELIZABETH SEARLE had sent out letters to eighteen persons who had signed the Rosa Lee Ingram petition which appeared in the local press, asking them to join in further activity to free [redacted] (C) (U)

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[redacted] is working on the mass meeting for [redacted] to be held on Tuesday, 11/1/55, at 8:00 p.m. at Angelus Hall, 1954 East First Street. (C) (U)

[redacted] is accompanying [redacted] They will attend the Lawyers' Banquet on 10/29/55. Friday and Saturday, 11/4,5/55, are free for visits. The evening of 11/3/55, is the date on which Rev. FRITCHMAN will have a reception [redacted] at which [redacted] and ELIZABETH SPECTOR will be in attendance. (C) (U)

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It was reported that the activity on the Wells Case is sagging. Some people have responded with signatures on an amicus brief, but the informant has heard of none being secured in Los Angeles. ELIZABETH SPECTOR and two men not directly connected with the CRC have been working on this case. (C) (U)

[redacted] reported that the CRC made $21 on the theatre tickets to the National Guardian play "Ring that Bell," the West Hollywood Chapter having done most of the work so as to bring in the few dollars. The East Hollywood Chapter also worked, but the Echo Park Chapter fell down on the sale of the tickets. The CRC stood to gain some $45 by the sale of the tickets. The "National Guardian" made $150 on the block of 100 tickets which the CRC purchased. (C) (U)

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[redacted] also reported that $97.85 was the net income of the [redacted] The breakdown is as follows: (C) (U)

Disbursements		
Advertising in PW	$10.50	
Entertainment	10.00	
Cake	4.00	
Cups and decorations	2.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE	$26.50	$26.50
Income		
Take at door	$36.75	
Contributions	87.60	
TOTAL EXPENSE	$124.35	$124.35
NET INCOME		$97.85

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[redacted] also reported that the Christmas party plans are getting under way. The party is to be held on Friday, 12/23/55, at the Danish Auditorium. The Ways and Means Committee will have to be enlarged, and [redacted] will try to secure more people for a meeting to be held at CRC Headquarters on Monday, 10/31/55, together with the Administrative Committee. (C) (U)

It was decided to send one CRC member to the John Howard Lawson banquet on Saturday, 11/12/55, at a cost of $5 and to insert a $5 greeting in a booklet being printed in Lawson's honor, the proceeds of which are to be used to further Lawson's writings. (C) (U)

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The CRC Co-ordinators' meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11/2/55, at which [redacted] Also on the agenda will be plans for the Christmas cabaret and dance. (C) (U)

It was previously reported that a group of people in the 24th CD would have an affair for [redacted] however, according to FRANK SPECTOR, this has fallen through, so the date on which it was tentatively scheduled, 11/4/55, is open, with nothing planned. (C) (U)

THE FOREGOING REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM A LIVE INFORMANT, AND CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN SETTING FORTH THE INFORMATION IN REPORT FORM OR IN OTHERWISE UTILIZING IT IN ORDER TO FULLY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1783) DATE: 11/14/55

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN IS - G

Source	Activity	Received	Agent	Location
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed	10/8/55	11/1/55	[redacted]	[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On 10/8/55 the LACPFB held a workshop conference at the Hungarian Hall, 1251 South St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles.

[redacted] b6 b7C

Read by: _____

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cc: [redacted] b7D 100-3267 (ACLU)

100-30510 [redacted]
100-21974 (M. GOODMAN) (SI)
100-42652 (M. SHALIT) (SI)
100-21961 [redacted] b6 b7C
100-39463
100-21224
100-31882 (F. FIRESTONE) (SI)
100-41178 [redacted]
100-28751
100-28750
100-27813
100-41421 (M. SEIDEL) (CI)
100-22926 (E. SAZAR) (SI)
100-29658 [redacted]
100-52081
100-36484 (B. FRADKIN) (SI)
100-40122 [redacted]
100-33370 (E. MITA) (CI)
100-31358 [redacted]
100-43924
100-25183
100-6780
100-20198
100-36685
100-16304 (M. HITTLEMAN) (SI)
100-18298 [redacted]
100-23660 (R. CHERNIN) (SI)
100-24343 (H. CARLISLE) (SI)

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HARRY CARLISLE was chairman of the meeting.

ROSE CHERNIN, ESTHER SHANDLER (attorney), and JOSEPHINE YANEZ were the official speakers.

The purpose of the meeting was to repeal the Walter-McCarran Law. The LACPFB called on the leaders of the labor unions, churchmen, and all "progressive" organizations to gather their forces to go into action and send hundreds of thousands of letters, telegrams, phone calls, and also delegates to congressmen with the hope that Senator HARLEY M. KILGORE'S bill will be heard by the Senate Sub-Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, which will be held in Washington, D.C. on 11/21/55.

ROSE CHERNIN and ESTHER SHANDLER stated that the American Union of Civil Liberties will organize public meetings throughout the United States and will print pamphlets for distribution in great quantities for the repeal of the Walter-McCarran Law. The American Union of Civil Liberties will also hold mass meetings three days before the hearing of 11/21/55 in Washington, D.C.

ROSE CHERNIN, in her comments, said that "the FBI went so low that they are spying on the labor union and that they even planted a stoolpigeon in our committee who stole files from our office; went to Washington, D.C. to testify against us, lying that we are subversive, etc., to help the attempt of the Justice Department to place us on the subversive list".

It was also decided at this meeting that volunteers would be needed to take briefing on the Walter-McCarran Law. These volunteers will go to different organizations and labor unions giving lectures why the Walter-McCarran Law should be repealed.

HARRY CARLISLE said that an immigration law like the Walter-McCarran Law would not be adopted in any civilized country, only in the United States.

Among those present were:

FANIA BERNSTEIN
MORRIS GOODMAN
MIRIAM SHALIT
LILLIAN RIPPS
PETROS LAZOS and wife
(PETROS and STELLA LEZOS)
DAVID HYUN
HELEN COSTELLO
JOSEPH KINISBERG (KOENIGSBERG)
FRED and NINA FIRESTON (FIRESTONE)
JOHN UHRIN
Dr. BERNSTEIN

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HELEN LEVY
ESTHER SAZAR
FRANK BONETTI
CHAUNT (P. CHAUNT)
M. KOTKO
MAX HITELMAN
BLANCH FRADKIN
(BLANCHE FRADKIN)
MINNIE SEIDEL
GILES GILMAN
EDO MITA
VART GALALIAN
GITA HITELMAN
DAVE ROSS (ABE ROSS) and wife
ANN ROSENFELD
and others

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-3267) DATE: 11/14/55

FROM: SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN

DECLASSIFIED BY 6383 URT/CH ON 12-1-81 Appeal # 9-0172

SUBJECT: ACLU IS-C

Re LA lets to BU, captioned [redacted] dated 3/28/55, [redacted] 4/15/55, [redacted] and 5/20/55, [redacted] which set forth reasons why this informant's services are being discontinued by this Bureau. Re my memo dated 7/28/55, setting forth reasons for concealment of identity of [redacted] Former [redacted] as a security informant for this office, [redacted] (X) U

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During the period of [redacted] testified before the Subversive Activities Control Board regarding the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and its association with the CP & Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. This was not an executive hearing and [redacted] Therefore, [redacted] (X) U

She may be described as [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who for the purpose of furnishing information to the FBI associated with the LACPFB during the period [redacted] and who was recruited into the CP [redacted] recontacted as a CP member during [redacted] activated into the CP during [redacted] and remained as a CP member until [redacted] (X) U

[redacted] advised SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN on 5/13/55, that the LACPFB is an adjunct of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. (X) U

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the U.S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

During her activities as an informant, [redacted] furnished information regarding the above-captioned individual or organization (X) U

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-24225) DATE: 11/2/55

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: COMINFIL SOUTHLAND JEWISH ORGANIZATION IS - C

CLASS. & EXT. BY 6383URT/OH 12-1-91 (U)
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2
DATE OF REVIEW 12-1-91

Informant	Date of Activity and/or Description	Date Received	Agent	Location
[redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past	10/18/55	10/27/55	[redacted] (C)	
	Mimeographed announcement of above function	10/26/55		

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The above written report refers to a meeting of the Victory Chapter, Southland Jewish Organization, held at the home of [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] main speaker being HUGH MANUS of the American Civil Liberties Union, whose topic was "The Effect of the Walter Mc Carran Act on Your Civil Liberties." MANUS also discussed the Smith Act and the hardship that it brought to families who were subversive. There were about twenty people present and requests were made for donations to various causes. (C) (U) (C)

Orally, on 10/20/55, [redacted] advised the writer that MANUS also discussed the various troubles that are experienced by foreign born individuals who are cited as Communists. (C) (U) b7D

The above mentioned leaflet reflects that S. GAVURIN is treasurer of the SJO Victory Chapter. This appears to refer to SYLVIA GAVURIN. (C) (U)

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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[redacted]

cc: [redacted] (C) (U) b7D

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100-52907
100-52916
100-44421
[redacted] (C)

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-3267)

DATE: 11/23/55

FROM : SA GERALD F. MOORE

SUBJECT: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
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SOURCE	ACTIVITY	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is a panel source	ACLU pamphlet	11/16/55	GERALD F. MOORE	[redacted]

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[redacted] made available to SA GERALD F. MOORE on 11/16/55 a pamphlet entitled "The Lamp and the Law" published by the ACLU, which she purchased at the WLA meeting held at 109 North Highland Avenue, Los Angeles, on 11/9/55.

This pamphlet has been placed in [redacted].

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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cc: [redacted]

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-3267) DATE: 12/6/55

FROM: (U) SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] Former [redacted] who has furnished information concerning the above-captioned individual or organization, has been canceled by this office due to lack of activity & inability to make progress and furnish information. [redacted] resides at [redacted] and is employed as [redacted] (C) (U)

[redacted] was born [redacted] and is a [redacted] He has a [redacted] and has taken [redacted] He was married [redacted] to [redacted] He is a [redacted] by occupation at the above-named institution. He was developed as an informant by the SF Office, and in [redacted] he was recruited into the [redacted] of the CP at San Francisco. He was active there until [redacted] when he moved [redacted] His transfer came through in [redacted] to the [redacted] CP, and he was an informant of the LA Office until [redacted] when he returned to SF to live. He was then active as an informant for the SF Office as a CP member and later in the local chapter of [redacted] He returned to LA area in [redacted] and he has had no CP connections since then, but has been active in various Communist dominated organizations such as the ASP and IPP. (C) (U)

b6 b7C b7D (U)

Information furnished by [redacted] in the past has always appeared to be reliable and there has been every indication that he has been and will remain to be loyal, patriotic, and cooperative. He has been somewhat dilatory in advising this office whenever he changes his residence, which has been quite frequent. He has been carefully instructed in this regard on several occasions, but apparently he never could completely understand its importance. This situation became more pronounced as his activities decreased. He is presently [redacted] who is also being discontinued. [redacted] on extended trips without advising [redacted] or the LA Office, and has displayed a lack of responsibility. [redacted] is badly in debt and has a poor credit rating [redacted] extravagance and inability to live within their means. There have been no indications of mental instability on [redacted] part. He is willing to testify in open court or before an administrative hearing board regarding information in his possession, but he requested that his identity be concealed in reports until it is necessary for him to do this. (C) (U)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-50147) DATE: 11/14/55

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: COMINFIL, SONS OF COLUMBUS OF AMERICA, INC., aka IS - C

~~CLASS. & EXT. BY 6383 URT/cth 12-1-81~~
~~REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2~~
~~DATE OF REVIEW 12-1-91~~ (U)

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed	[redacted] b7D	11/7/55	[redacted] b6 b7C	[redacted] b7D ~~(C)~~ (U)

The above written report refers to a meeting of [redacted] b7D (U) ~~(C)~~ [redacted] the Giuseppe Verdi Council #97, Sons of Columbus of America, held at Bozzanni Motors, Sunset Boulevard and North Broadway (Los Angeles). ~~(C)~~ (U)

[redacted] ~~(C)~~ (U) b6 b7C b7D

The meeting was chaired by GENE SERENO and the agenda was as follows. ~~(C)~~ (U)

[redacted] b6 b7C

Read by: [redacted]

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cc: [redacted] b7D

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100-31131 (A. BERTOLINI) (SI)
65-4859
100-18216
100-31991
100-31993
100-53019
100-35438
100-50127
100-25688
[redacted] ~~(C)~~ b6 b7C
100-24225 (SJO)
100-3267 (ACLU)
100-26045 (DOM. ADM. IS.)
100-26046 (N'TL. GROUP COMM.)

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The minutes of the last meeting: A report given by [redacted] on the Coordinating Council (SJO) at which it was agreed to send out 1000 pieces of mail (statement under separate cover); to have a city-wide meeting soon and to support the coming ACLU mass meeting planned for 11/19/55, just two days before the Senate Judiciary Committee public hearings (Kilgore hearings) in Washington on 11/21/55 on the various bills on immigration. (C) (U)

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Correspondence: a letter from the State Executive Council stating that the report and selection of a committee on the Casa Italiana will be discussed at its meeting on Sunday, 11/6/55, at the Garvey Women's Club in San Gabriel. (C) (U)

Reports from committees and delegates: a report made [redacted] the Coordinating Council of the SJO that they are doing good work and that we must continue to support and work with them to either repeal or revise the Walter-McCarran Act. He announced that due to [redacted] he will be unable to attend future meetings so [redacted] will attend the next meeting on [redacted] A pamphlet "The Lamp" of the ACLU was distributed by [redacted] at 10¢ per copy. Each member bought at least two copies as per arrangement from the last meeting. GENE SERENO gave a report on the 11th national convention and said that the following 4 resolutions were passed: 1) to write a letter to Washington in regard to the Refugee Relief Act to permit more Italians to enter this country; 2) to form a committee on a national level to fight discrimination and defamation against the Italian and Italian-American people on radio, television, magazines, and papers and to have this committee work in unity with the one formed about a year ago in the Sons of Italy and with any other committee already functioning or to be formed; 3) to print or have published any educational material necessary to further the work of the Sons of Columbus; 4) to send a delegation or two or three delegates to the public hearings of the Senate Judiciary Committee on 11/21/55 in Washington. A report was given by ANGELO BERTOLINI stating that the Council was out of funds having no more than $2.61 in the bank. A report was given by [redacted] in writing stating that [redacted] had visited [redacted] in regard to getting his stand on repeal of the Walter-McCarran Act. He said that [redacted] was against the act and that he had introduced some changes himself. (C) (U)

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Casa Italiana was discussed further and the president instructed to see what would happen on 11/6/55 and, if necessary, to withdraw the request if no interest was shown by the State Council. (C) (U)

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LA 100-50147

On 11/7/55 [redacted] furnished the writer mimeographed leaflets received by informant from the Coordinating Council for the Revision of the Walter-McCarran Act, among which was a "Statement of Progress" of this group [redacted] a summary report of its meeting held 9/22/55 [redacted] and a summary of minutes for this group 10/13/55 [redacted] Also, 11/7/55, informant made available a letter that had been written by [redacted] in connection with a meeting of subject organization [redacted] (C) (U) (U) (C)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-1783) DATE: 12/5/55

FROM : SA RICHARD L. CROMWELL (U)

~~CLASS. & EXT. BY 6383 URTlett 12-1-81~~
~~REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2~~
~~DATE OF REVIEW 12-1-91~~

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN (LACPFB) IS-C

SOURCE (U)	ACTIVITY	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] (C) who has furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity should be concealed	Letter dated [redacted] (C) (U)	11/14/55 (C) (U) b6 b7C b7D	RICHARD L. CROMWELL (U)	100-1783-1A
"	Letter dated [redacted] re Fifth Annual Testimonial Dinner	11/14/55 (C) (U)	"	100-1783D

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RLC:nlb
cc: [redacted] (C) (U) b7D

100-20198 [redacted]
100-24343 (H. CARLISLE)(SI) (C) (U)
100-48191 [redacted]
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100-3267 (AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION) b7C

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[redacted] (C) (Cont'd)	Article "Punishment by Exile" by WILLARD CARPENTER of the American Civil Liberties Union, reprinted by the LACPFB	11/23/55 (C) (U)	RICHARD L. CROMWELL	100-1783D
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"	Mid-November issue of "Torchlight" (not marked for indexing)	11/23/55 (C) (U)	"	"

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-17796) DATE: 12/8/55

FROM: SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: EASTERN DIVISION
LACCP
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DECLASSIFIED BY 6383 URT/CM
ON 12-1-81
Appeal # 8-0172

SOURCE	ACTIVITY	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past	City Terrace Section Board meeting, LACCP, [redacted]	11/23/55	[redacted]	[redacted]

A meeting of the City Terrace Section Board, LACCP, was held at the home of [redacted]

According to the informant, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] made some announcements at this meeting. According to [redacted] the President of Guatemala is on a visit to the United States. It was urged that letters be sent to him protesting the death sentences of [redacted] and [redacted] (phonetic). b6 b7C

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cc: [redacted] b7D
100-25491
100-31841
100-20063
100-20279
100-40273
100-50 (J. FOX)(SI)
100-4016
100-5589 (NAACP)
97-16 (DPW)
100-3267 (ACLU)

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The Tuesday, 11/15/55, meeting at the Olympic Auditorium must have a record turnout. It was also announced that there would be a meeting on Tuesday, 11/29/55, at the Eastside Center sponsored by a group of organizations at the Center.

The reception for [redacted] at the home of [redacted] JACK FOX, 3601 Woolwine Drive, on 11/12/55, should be well supported by the members of the respective clubs.

It was announced that a distribution of leaflets and card for mailing protests is to take place next Sunday at the Ramona Gardens. It was urged that each club get its people to go out in this endeavor.

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[redacted] gave a report on the meeting of the PW Directors with the [redacted] who the informant believes is now [redacted] A luncheon is being planned tentatively for 11/29/55 at the home of ANNA STONE, providing enough people plan to attend. The circulation drive for the PW starts on January 1, and any subscriptions secured by that date will count. Also, a mass press conference is to be held at the Hungarian Hall on 12/17/55 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. It was urged that more attention be placed on securing daily subscriptions. It was also urged that if people were willing to take home deliveries of the PW, the members of the club must immediately set up an apparatus to handle this.

A non-members' class was discussed. This is for the purpose of getting together people who are close to the Party and probably ready for such a class, with the results of recruiting them a possibility. Also, any former member of the CP who wishes to return to the Party may be proposed to attend this class.

It was urged that all the members of the club think this over immediately so that by 11/21/55, all the names can be turned in and a class started by the first or second week of December. It was also announced that this is the only Section that does not have such a class; in fact, some Sections have two such classes in existence. The informant advised that if the Section cannot get enough people for its own class, this Section will join with another section's class.

[redacted] reported that the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is holding a conference on the Bill

of Rights on 12/9,10/55. All the members were urged to involve their mass organizations in this work.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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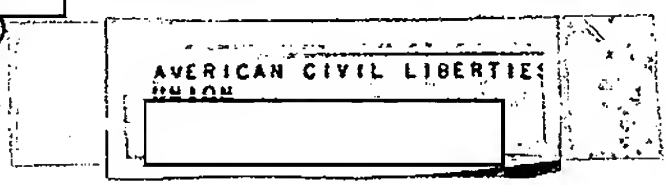
TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-3267) DATE: 12/1/55

FROM: SA H. EDWARD WHITE

SUBJECT: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
SM-C

The San Francisco Office by letter dated 11/4/55, to the Director and the Los Angeles Office advised that the below-listed person was a receiver of the "DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD," West Coast Communist newspaper. Photographs were taken on 10/20/55, of the DPW newspapers as they were delivered to the Post Office for shipment. The 5 point documentation on this information follows:

SOURCE	INFORMATION	RECEIVED	AGENT	LOCATION
[redacted] (PROTECT BY "T" SYMBOL.)	DPW subscription.	10/20/55	WILBERT H. KEHE (SF)	SF 61-369-1B8 (original reels of film)



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[redacted] a former [redacted] has attached the following significance to the information on the Addressograph tabs:

SYMBOL	SIGNIFICANCE
3,6,Y following expiration date	3 month, 6 month, or yearly subscription.
&	A subscription in excess of regularly stated period; i.e., "3&" indicates a sub. for more than 3 mos. & less than 6 mos.
C	Charter subscription.
LTS	Life-time subscription.
N	New subscriber who has not had a sub. at any time before.
W-E	Weekend subscription (Friday edition only).
S	Sample copy.
REF	An individual who has a reference card in DPW office who usually does not desire to have other mail directed to him.
3 DAILY, 3 W-E, or 1 DAILY PLUS 3 FRIDAY	Persons receiving more than one copy. (The number 3 in this case is used for example purposes only, so the tab might read 5 DAILY, 2 W-E, etc.)

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FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: ACLU

12/13/55

Daily Trojan

Communist Cell Affiliations No Crime-Hutchins

Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, director of the Fund for the Republic, told an audience at the University Methodist Church Saturday that the thinks it is "unfounded" to make membership in the Communist Party a crime.

Hutchins addressed a meeting of the Southern California Civil Liberties Union.

Gives Praise

Dr. Hutchins lauded the American Civil Liberties Union for its role in the encouraging signs he has observed lately in the progress for the individual's civil rights.

He said "McCarthyism" and name-calling are on the way out, but America still faces the civil liberty question in the South where "white Citizen's Councils have replaced the Ku Klux Klan."

The speaker, who was once chancellor of the University of Chicago, and now directs the Fund for the Republic, which is supported by the Ford Foundation, also said:

(1) The Attorney General's list of subversive organizations should be revised because it contains the names of many patriotic groups.

Tells More

(2) Everyone, including those who have cited the Fifth Amendment, should be allowed to travel in foreign countries.

(3) California teachers are afraid to speak their opinions on political issues.

(4) He doesn't believe in "blacklisting" in the motion picture, radio, and television industries." (This is the procedure of not hiring people who have cited the Fifth Amendment.)

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Hutchins told his listeners that he did "very badly" in a recent interview on "Meet the Press," a national television program.

"However," he added, "the letters I got commenting on the program were five to one in my favor."

Dr. Hutchins was introduced by Dr. George Warmer, a member of the ACLU advisory council.

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SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.

EDWARD SANDLER (SI)
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On the following dates indicated, [redacted] furnished the following items:

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Source	Activity	Received	Agent	Location
[redacted]	Leaflet, "Invitation to Leave", published by ARI Inc., Los Angeles, received from EDWARD SANDLER on 11/20/55	11/20/55	CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. (personally)	100-5004-1A
	Ticket for 25¢ donation to "National Guardian" for drawing on 12/4/55, received by source from EDWARD SANDLER on 11/20/55	11/28/55	"	100-5004-1A
	Yiddish publication captioned "The Road to a Secure Israel" by MIER VILNER, Deputy in the Kenesset (parliament) of Israel, published by the "Morning Freiheit" Inc., 35 E. 12th St., New York, 1955, printed in U.S.A., received by source from EDWARD SANDLER, 12/6/55	12/8/55	"	100-5004-1A

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Services (8)
cc: 100-44516 [redacted]
65-5787 (ARI)
100-31934 ("NATIONAL GUARDIAN")
100-3267 (ACLU)
100-5509 (NACCP)
100-20268 ("MORNING FREIHEIT")

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[redacted] orally advised the writer on 12/8/55 that the Yiddish publication was given to him [redacted] and when [redacted] asked him to return it. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Source	Activity	Received	Agent	Location
[redacted]	Yellow mimeographed sheet captioned "Bill of Rights", advertising commemoration meeting, Eastside Jewish Community Center, 12/12/55, received from [redacted] by source on 12/12/55.	12/13/55	[redacted]	100-5004-1A

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This mimeographed sheet indicated that the meeting would be held at Straus Auditorium, 213 North Soto Street at 8:00 PM on 12/12/55. The speakers were listed as [redacted]; [redacted] and [redacted]; [redacted].

Informant advised that he surreptitiously obtained this mimeographed sheet from among the possessions of [redacted] b7D

[redacted] also furnished a membership card of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers certifying that [redacted] is a member of the Hollenbeck Junior High PTA having paid her dues [redacted]. The card was signed [redacted] of the local association. This membership card was attached to a small booklet which set out the "Program and Directory of the Hollenbeck Junior High School PTA for 1955-1956". An examination of this booklet by the writer fails to show the names of either [redacted] as holding a position in this organization. [redacted] stated that he desired to have the membership card and booklet returned to him [redacted] so that he could return the card and booklet to the place from which he had obtained them. [redacted] picked these items up from the reception room at [redacted]. b6 b7C b7D

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SUBJECT'S NAME AND ALIASES	ADDRESS OF SUBJECT	CHARACTER OF CASE
AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION	~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)	SM-C

COMPLAINANT	ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF COMPLAINANT	DATE AND TIME COMPLAINT RECEIVED
[redacted] (C) (U)	[redacted]	(C) 12/13/55 2:00 PM

SUBJECT'S DESCRIPTION

RACE	SEX	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	OTHER DATA
	☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE	b6 b7C			(U)
HAIR	EYES	BIRTH DATE	BIRTHPLACE		
BUILD	COMPLEXION	SCARS AND MARKS			

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FACTS OF COMPLAINT

Compl. advised that [redacted] a lecture sponsored by the captioned organization on 12/10/55 at the University Methodist Church (U)

817 W. 34th St. Los Angeles at which Dr. Robert Hutchins (Fund of the Republic) (C) (S) Was the principal speaker. Compl. advised she had prepared a 4 page report which she was submitting to this office. She also advised she would submit a copy of the report to [redacted] The compl. [redacted] who has previously submitted information to this office. (C) (U) (U)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (100-26081) DATE: 12-14-55

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On November 21, 1955, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available through a blind post office box [redacted] (22) b7D b6 b7C

1 - New York (RM)
1 - 100- (ECLC)
1 - Atlanta (RM)
1 - 100- [redacted]
3 - Louisville (RM)
1 - 100- (ANN BRADEN)
1 - 100- (CARL BRADEN) b6 b7C
1 - 100- [redacted]
2 - Detroit (RM)
1 - 100-9436 [redacted]
1 - 100- (COMINFIL, UAW)
1 - Los Angeles (RM)
1 - 100- [redacted]
13 - Chicago
1 - [redacted] b7D
1 - 100-7441 (COMINFIL, UAW)
1 - 100-8261 (COMINFIL NAACP)
1 - 100- [redacted] b6 b7C
1 - 100-22765
1 - 100-
1 - 100-18601
1 - 65-1376
1 - 100-24024
1 - 100-18456
1 - 100- (HARVEY O'CONNOR) 100-326743
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to SA [redacted] a handwritten report concerning a meeting of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee held at 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, on November 11, 1955. This report is being retained in [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that the following individuals attended the meeting:

SYLVIA WOODS.

AARON BINDEMAN.

HAROLD VAN HOWE.

SID ORDOWER.

HARVEY O'CONNOR.

Mr. MAIZY.

CARL BRADEN.

ANN BRADEN.

VERNON BOWN.

Reverend BAIRD.

WILLOUGHLY ABNER.

Miss ELIZABETH WOODS.

Mrs. WILKERSON.

The informant stated that there were approximately 200 people in attendance at the affair.

The informant furnished the following information concerning the meeting:

HARVEY O'CONNOR was chairman of this meeting. He explained that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee was made in 1951 to fight against recent threats of Mc Carthyism and against such laws as the Mc Carran Act and the Smith Act. O'CONNOR also told of his experiences with Senator JOE MC CARTHY when he was called before Mc Carthy's Committee. He then introduced a Mr. MAZY (believed to be ERNEST MAZEY) as "being from Detroit" who was to give a report on what had been done in Detroit. Mr. MAZEY then stated that there were several things that had been done on the Braden Case and he read off a list of donations made to the ECLC by various unions of the United Auto Workers, one Plymouth local in particular, and other places where money was collected.

HARVEY O'CONNOR then introduced WILLOUGHBY ABNER as Executive Chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Chicago Chapter and as Political and Educational Director of a local of the UAW-CIO Union. ABNER made several statements on the work of the NAACP and the conclusions he gathered from them particularly concerned the South. At the conclusion of his speech ABNER stated, "As a representative of labor movement I support the Emergency Civil Liberties Program in fight for CARL BRADEN.

Then CARL BRADEN was introduced as the next speaker. He related much of which is contained in the publication, "The Witness" dated February 17, 1955, volume 42, number 12, as his wife, ANN BRADEN related the story. CARL BRADEN related, that "professional stool-pigeons, like MATT CVETIC, GITLOW (and others) were asked upon seeing a copy of Soviet Constitution if it was required for all Communist Party members to have such a pamphlet "to which they replied yes." BRADEN then stated, "that a newspaperman and professors when asked if they had seen the Soviet Constitution and where they bought it, replied, 'at a bookstore.' Even one stated 'that he picked his copy of it up years ago when it was being sold in bookstores out in front of the store when it had sales on these and other books.'"

According to the informant, BRADEN told other details in the case of how VERNON BOWN, (believed to be VERNON BROWN), moved into the home of the WADEs to protect Mrs. WADE from violence in the neighborhood, and also how he and others were indicted. He stated that the person who planted the bomb was still walking the streets. He told of the suit brought against him by a real estate firm for selling to a Negro. It is to be noted that the WADEs are a Negro family who purchased a home in a white section of Louisville, Kentucky, and that several disturbances were caused as a result of this, including a bomb being planted in the WADE home.

The informant went on to advise that a doctor from Georgia, who was introduced as National Director of the ECLC then spoke. The informant described the doctor as a white male, of short medium build, about 150 lbs, 5'8" to 5'10", smart dresser, Georgia accent,

with white hair (believed to be Dr. CLARK FOREMAN). This individual spoke briefly explaining the needs for funds for the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and he then organized the collection. He first asked for $50 donations, then $25, then $15, $10, $5, etc., and explained that the money would be used to pay legal expenses in the CARL BRADEN Case.

During the course of the collection he told of how he had been faced with an issue of segregation in Washington, D. C. He explained, "I was in charge of a housing development and was told to change the Negroes occupancy in a project from Negro to white; but I refused and then they let me go. But they are going back to Negro occupancy in that Sojourner in Detroit."

FOREMAN told of the Birmingham boy KNOX, who was tried on a charge of not registering as a Communist and was told that if he confessed and pleaded guilty, they would let him go; but, according to FOREMAN, KNOX stated, "No I won't plead guilty." The informant advised that following this there was a brief announcement by Reverend BAIRD who stated that if there was anyone who was going to have a meeting at which CARL BRADEN could speak they should contact BRADEN or O'CONNOR. BAIRD also advised those in attendance that a card left on each seat should be filled out by those who wanted to hear more on the Braden Case and on the ECLC. He stated that this card should be left at the door at the end of the meeting.

[redacted] advised that at the beginning of the meeting HARVEY O'CONNOR introduced the following as the individuals who were on the speakers platform:

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Reverend BAIRD.
ANN and CARL BRADEN.
WILLOUGHBY ABNER.
Mr. MAIZY from Detroit.
VERNON BOWN from a teamsters union in Louisville.
A professor from Northwestern believed by the informant to be MC DOUGAL.
Miss ELIZABETH WOODS.
Mrs. WILKERSON, introduced as former head of the Los Angeles Civil Liberties Committee.

The informant stated that during the meeting copies of the February 17, 1955, issue of "The Witness" were given to everyone at the meeting and that various other publications were on display in front of the hall in the Fine Arts Building. The informant said that at the door there were two people in charge of admissions and that one of these individuals was a HENRY whom the informant stated was a "New Challenge" Director and had attended "New Challenge" Directors meetings held at ELAINE SKIATHAS' residence at the time the informant was in the Hyde Park Labor Youth League Club.

The informant described this HENRY as white, with bushy brown hair, medium build, 150 lbs., in his 20's, 5'8" to 5'10", fair complexion, heavy eye-brows.

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Mr.Malone:

On [redacted] went to the University Methodist Church, 817 West 34th Street,Los Angeles to hear Dr. Robert Hutchings speak. When I arrived there I was told he would not speak until 4;25 P.M. (it was then 1;30 P.M. the scheduled time according to local newspapers for his talk, this I verified from an Examiner reported, who was there also at 1:30 P.M. to cover the story, [redacted] until Hutchings spoke). [redacted] signed for one of the conference sessions, under the name of [redacted] giving [redacted] During the conference session [redacted] and explain why [redacted] and stated that [redacted] be truthful, for the purpose only of hearing Dr.Hutchings") [redacted] to leave and was told he would be speaking soon.

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(U) During the session , there were those present who, identified themsleves as members of the Communist party- the others present seemed to accept this as being of good standing.

General summary of this meeting was that this group claimed, they had made splendid gains through the efforts of the courts in general and especially through Earl Warren's work. Please bear in mind that this group, failed to pledge allegiance to our United States Flag, although there was one in the room.

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Sincerely

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Note: Enclosed 7 pages of (and one on note only) material(with my personal notations which I do not believe will be of much use as they moved the meeting too fast for me to take notes which would be of much use)

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Dr. Hutchins Warns on McCarthy Slogans

Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, head of the Fund for the Republic, addressed an American Civil Liberties Union Bill of Rights Week conference yesterday at the University Methodist Church.

Dr. Hutchins praised the ACLU for its part in the "encouraging" signs he observed in the American picture and their effect on the civil rights of the individual.

"The people in America," he said, "are tired of name calling—tired of the practice of pinning labels on people."

The former president of the University of Chicago said, however, caution must be used in guarding civil liberties in the South where, he charged, "white councils" have resorted to Ku Klux Klan tactics "without the sheets."

He also told his listeners to "watch the Russians who can throw us back into 'McCarthyism' if they wish," adding:

"Our forthcoming elections can develop in such a way that the 'good old McCarthy' slogans can be revived."

"But I don't think it will work."

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He told the 150 conference guests that the Fund for the Republic soon will publish a report which will give accurate information on who in the entertainment world has been blacklisted and why.

Dr. Hutchins also said the Fund is working on a study relating to the "anxiety of teachers" and pertaining to whether they are more anxious than they used to be and what of.

He said there are other encouraging civil rights factors in the "noble workings" of the courts and said cases also pending indicate "we are back on the road to good old Americanism."

Among them, he said, were "a whole series of cases affecting the rights of Communists," including the question of whether mere membership in the Communist Party is a crime under the Smith Act.

Dr. George Warmer of the Southern California Methodist Church was the keynote speaker.

He told the conference "we are neglecting due process of law in our type of congressional investigation where a committee is the prosecuting attorney, the judge and everything else."

But, he said, "there is encouraging improvement in California at the last session of the State Legislature where we have been able to make some gains and at least stop all further onslaughts on the Bill of Rights."

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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your recent letter and the material enclosed therewith.

Your interest in keeping us advised is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. MALONE
Special Agent in Charge

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM : UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-23595) DATE: 12/13/55

FROM : SA [redacted] (U) b6 b7C

SUBJECT: [24TH CD DIVISION] (C)
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Source	Activity	Received	Agent	Location
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past	Meeting, Mother Bloor Club, [redacted] b7D	12/2/55	[redacted] b6 b7C (U)	[redacted] (C)

~~APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF Class DATE 8-18-78 BJN~~ b7D

On [redacted] the regular meeting of the Mother Bloor Club, Westlake Section, 24th CD, LACCP, was held at the residence of [redacted] was described as male, [redacted] years, [redacted] straight hair, slightly greying on sides; medium complexion, [redacted] well dressed, appeared well educated, using both good grammar and vocabulary. In a discussion concerning architecture of some USSR buildings, [redacted] remarked it was bad and when [redacted] asked him if that was his line, he answered in the affirmative. [redacted] indicated that he had been transferred from outside the CD and he was not sure whether he was in the 24th or 25th CD. (C) (U) b6 b7C b7D (U) (C)

[redacted] reported on the coming PW subscription drive and stated that he expected the Westlake Section to have a quota of 50 subs. In addition, he indicated that the stress was being placed on daily subs as many people have quit or cut to weekend subs. (C) (U) b6 b7C

(U) [redacted] b6 b7C

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Read by: [redacted]

cc: [redacted] b7D

100-23397 (GP BRIEF)

100-24620 [redacted]
100-16865 (B. WILLETT) (SI)
100-28443 (G. BETTS) (SI)
100-14370 [redacted]
100-28188
100-25382
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[redacted] also reported on the coming bazaar scheduled for 12/9-11/55 at the Park Manor (the DPW for 12/2/55, page 6, on the What's On column, indicated that the CEDC and PPWC were sponsoring a Bill of Rights bazaar for 12/9-11/55 at the Park Manor, 607 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles). [redacted] gave the details concerning the items to be sold at this bazaar and indicated that every club member was supposed to furnish certain items and, in addition, to donate time at the bazaar for selling. (C) (U)

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[redacted] was asked to attend part of the ACLU convention which was scheduled for the same dates at the same location as the above mentioned bazaar. (C) (U)

[redacted] gave the educational which had been inspired by another new club member named [redacted] who had reported at a previous club meeting. This educational was based on a self-evaluation of the various club members and noted that many times through the years [redacted] had been quite skeptical regarding some of the things the CP had done or tried to do and failed. [redacted] indicated that some of the apparent failures of the CP had actually turned out to be victories and gave as an example the fact that the Smith Act trials had defended "the ideas" of the Communists. He elaborated on this point to note that many influential people had come to realise the danger to their civil liberties and were now fighting it. (C) (U) (U) (C)

BETTY WILLETT indicated she had lost her job at Pacific Mutual on 11/23/55 and was fired because it had come to the attention of her employers that she belonged to some undesirable groups (FD 154 has been submitted reflecting this change). (C) (U)

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Civil Liberties Union Asks Film Industry Abolish Prod'n Code

New York, Dec. 5.—Motion Picture Production Code is a restraint upon freedom of expression, the American Civil Liberties Union declared today in releasing the text of a letter to MPAA prexy Eric Johnston asking abolition of the Code.

ACLU said it was acting on the eve of an MPAA board meeting for a hearing on the appeal of the Code nix on "The Man With the Golden Arm"—but without passing judgment on the merit of the Otto Preminger film which is involved in the latest controversy over the merits of the industry's self-regulation system.

Responsibility for the presentation of acceptable films, ACLU said, should be placed where it belongs—"in the hands of the individual company and producer and the general public, who in the last analysis will be the final judge, and the courts, where the problem of obscenity can be handled."

ACLU letter stressed that the organization's "fundamental" interest is not in any individual picture but in the Code itself. Organization pointed out that its purpose is the defense of freedom of expression and added its belief that the Code "denies this freedom."

Patrick Murphy Malin, ACLU executive director, signed the letter, which carried today's date.

"The maintenance and welfare of democracy," Malin told Johnston, "depends upon a free market place of ideas in which freedom of speech is allowed. Freedom in the trade of ideas is limited by industry agreements or practice, such as is represented by the MPAA Code. Insofar as the Code sets forth limitations on what may be said or done, it is a restraint upon freedom of expression."

ACLU, emphasizing that it was not unmindful of the obscenity issue, stressed that this is a problem that can best be handled in courts. The letter pointed out that it is "exceedingly difficult" to distribute and exhibit a film without a Seal.

With reference to "Golden Arm," ACLU wrote that this is another practical reason for elimination of the Code.

"The subjects tabooed or which require special treatment are all being discussed and presented to the public by other media of information. What this proves is that a real problem that faces society can never be hidden — that eventually, it must be dealt with."

ACLU accused the Code of anomalies in its execution and said that the recent Catholic Bishops' attack "only emphasizes the impossibility of a Code pleasing all segments of opinion. For this reason, we earnestly suggest that the Code be eliminated."

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PUNISHMENT BY EXILE

Can native-born Americans be deported?

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By WILLARD CARPENTER

UNDER cover of the Walter-McCarran Act, immigration officials are extending their harassment, intimidation and persecution of aliens, immigrants and naturalized citizens even to *native-born* Americans. The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 includes a number of gimmicks now being increasingly used to strip native-born Americans of their citizenship. Consonant with the theory of racial superiority behind the immigrant quota system of the Walter-McCarran Act, these denationalization provisions are aimed primarily at members of minority groups among U. S. citizenry.

For a section of the Act like that at issue in the Diaz case, court-martial conviction as a wartime deserter, which might be expected to affect all Americans equally regardless of their parentage, the Immigration and Naturalization Service seems to be guided solely by the spirit of the law in applying it in practice only to Mexican-Americans.

The story of the Diaz family, which is the first denationalization case to arouse widespread interest in Southern California, is unbelievable when first learned. An American born in the U. S. is being kept out of the country and forcibly separated from his citizen wife and six children, also citizens.

The Diaz case is not an isolated instance. One Los Angeles attorney alone is handling 30 similar cases, and has more than 100 others waiting.

Briefly, the facts in the Diaz case are these: Bernardo Diaz has been exiled by an administrative branch of the government. He last saw his wife and children Jan. 22 when he left for a short visit to Tijuana, Mexico. Diaz has been in Mexico ever since; working, when he is lucky, for $2 a day.

In La Habra, in Orange County, his family with virtually no savings has existed only through the kindness of friends and relatives. In desperation, Inez Diaz took the only work available: strawberry picking on her hands and knees for 90-cents an hour. Steadfastly, she refuses to apply for state aid as this requires a declaration that her husband has intentionally failed to support her and their six children. While state authorities knowing the situation might be willing to wink an eye at the letter of the law, Mrs. Diaz has been advised that such a declaration might prejudice her husband's chances of favorable legal action.

Ten years ago, when he was 19 and after two weeks in the United States Army, Diaz went AWOL from Camp Roberts in California. Court-martialed and convicted for desertion, he served 18 months in disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Diaz took leave of the army three months before World War II ended —conviction of desertion during wartime is one of the many acts Congress has declared to result in loss of citizenship for any American, native-born or naturalized.

Diaz accepted his punishment, served out his time in Fort Leavenworth, and realized that loss of citizenship meant he would never be able to vote or hold office. Following his dishonorable discharge, Diaz returned to his wife and settled down in the town of his birth to raise his family. Except for this one incident, Diaz has never been in trouble of any kind. At the time of his visit to Mexico, he was a grounds-keeper for a La Habra golf course.

Diaz had made many trips across the border in the past few years and had no premonition of what awaited him on his return this time. Border officials chose Diaz in their normal course of spot-checking, and decided his truthful answers to their questions deserved further investigation. In April, a Special Inquiry Officer ruled Diaz was an *inadmissible alien*.

The Los Angeles Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born had engaged Attorney William Samuels to argue Diaz' case before the Special Inquiry Officer, and now asked him to appeal the decision to the Board of Immigration Appeals in Washington, D. C. On August 25, the Board upheld the earlier decision with one member dissenting.

Constitutional Issues Involved

Samuels' appeal to the Board hinged on a technical question involving the inner workings of the Walter-McCarran Act itself. Now the much broader constitutional issues will be presented when the decision is appealed to the Federal Courts. For the most crucial fact in the Diaz case occurred 30 years ago: the birth of Bernardo Diaz in La Habra, Calif. The vital question the courts will be asked to rule upon is whether Congress has any power to take away citizenship granted by the Constitution. (In the case of naturalized cit-

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izens, the courts have ruled that what Congress grants, Congress may take away.)

A clear distinction must also be made between citizenship and privileges of citizenship. This is a difference now vividly impressed on Diaz. He realized he could never vote or hold office, but to be ruled an inadmissible alien to the country of one's birth is an infringement of something much larger than a privilege of citizenship. As a matter of fact, the government could never have forced Diaz to leave the United States, no matter what his crime had been. This is banishment, a practice abhored by all civilized countries, and clearly prohibited by the eighth Amendment ("cruel and unusual punishment"). The courts may decide that there is no significant difference between banishment and the government's allowing Diaz to cross the border freely and then denying him reentry.*

Other crimes listed in the Walter-McCarran Act which result in loss of citizenship for native-born Americans are: serving in the armed forces of another country without first having received permission from the U. S. Secretaries of State and Defense, voting in a political election in a foreign state, performing the duties of any employment under a foreign government if acquiring the nationality of this foreign state, or remaining outside the U. S. during wartime for the purpose of evading service in the armed forces.

A federal district court recently held two of these provisions unconstitutional—serving in a foreign army, and voting in a foreign election. Judge Frank McLaughlin asked, "Where in the Constitution is to be found any grant of power—specific or reasonably implied—by which Congress is authorized to divest an American born citizen of his nationality . . . the Constitution gives the Congress plenary power over citizenship by *naturalization;* it gives the Congress no power whatsoever to interfere with American citizenship by birth." (Judge McLaughlin's emphasis.)

However, indicative of the confusion of the law on this matter, another federal court held one of the other provisions was constitutional. This was in the Gonzales case, which is important since the Supreme Court has granted certiorari and will review the decision this year.

The defendant, Daniel Gonzales, was born in the United States and taken to Mexico when he was less than two years old. From 1926 to 1946 he lived in Chihuahua, Mexico, and registered for military service with Mexico in 1942. Readmitted to the United States in 1946, he was later arrested and held for deportation. Circuit Judge James Alger Fee ruled that Gonzales had stayed out of the United States to evade the draft.

Judge Fee, although upholding the constitutionality of the draft evasion provision of the Walter-McCarran Act, did not discuss the basic question of whether Congress may condition the citizenship of native-born Americans. Instead, he applied the time-honored rule of law that any adult may *voluntarily* and *intentionally* divest himself of his citizenship.

Fee ruled: "A voluntary act of a party which *clearly indicates a desire for* and is declared by law to result in *expatriation* is conclusive." (Italics added.)

Judge Fee has obviously extended the "voluntary and intentional" aspects of the naturalization process to cover a wholly unrelated situation. Even if Gonzales knew he would lose his citizenship by remaining outside the United States (and if every soldier who goes AWOL knows he will lose his citizenship if convicted of desertion); it takes quite a few leaps of lawyer-logic to say such actions in themselves "clearly indicate(s) a desire for . . . expatriation".

If the Supreme Court rules on the constitutional questions in the Gonzales case, this will have vital bearing for Bernardo Diaz. Perhaps, once again, the Court will nullify Congressional excesses.

Important Hearings This Month

Diaz and Gonzales represent but a few of many denationalization cases. In turn, all these cases represent an infinitesimal amount of injustice in comparison with what our government has done to immigrants, aliens, temporary visitors and naturalized citizens under aegis of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

Headed by Senator Harley Kilgore, a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee begins hearings on the Walter-McCarran Act in November. The testimony before this committee will make a sorry chapter in the history of the American Democracy. Vibrant and hopeful claims are heard from all sides these days that the era termed McCarthy's has ended. What the second session of the 84th Congress does with the Walter-McCarran Act will be a true indication of whether we have in fact recovered from our insanity of the past 10 years.

*Diaz would have comparatively little trouble entering and leaving the country if he were an admissible alien. The Board ruled him inadmissible because he is "ineligible to citizenship". (Sec. 212, a, 22). The government held Diaz was ineligible to citizenship because of another section: "A person who at any time during which the United States has been . . . at war, deserted . . . the military . . . forces . . . shall upon conviction thereof by a court-martial . . . be permanently ineligible to become a citizen of the United States." (Sec. 314.) This section applies to all persons serving in the military forces, both citizens and non-citizens. It means Diaz could never regain his citizenship by the naturalization process.

Samuels pointed out, however, that "ineligible to citizenship" as used in Sec. 212 is defined as "permanently debarred". (Sec. 101, a, 19.) And even though Diaz is at present ineligible to citizenship, he is very definitely not permanently debarred, since the very section under which Diaz lost his citizenship (Sec. 349, a, 8) also provides a way he may regain it: " . . . restoration to active duty with such military, air or naval forces in time of war or the re-enlistment or induction of such a person in time of war . . . shall be deemed to have the immediate effect of restoring such nationality or citizenship . . . so lost."

The Board dismissed Samuels' reasoning with an interesting comment: "The fact that there is a *remote possibility* of his expatriation becoming a nullity at *sometime in the future* does not affect his status quo as of the time he seeks to enter." (Italics added.) In the Diaz case "remote possibilities . . . sometime in the future" are not considered important—how different from the same Board's rulings in other cases where resident aliens have been deported because a chance association or organization joined many years ago offers a remote possibility of danger to our country's security sometime in the future.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA [redacted] on 1/5/56 that the Los Angeles Branch's YSL Organizer Bulletin, dated 1/1/56 and prepared for the group [redacted] carried the following article under Item #, which is quoted as follows: b6 b7C

"'March on Washington' for civil rights. At an ACLU meeting in Hollywood a week ago Sunday the YSL distributed copies of Labor Action urging upon those attending the proposal of representative ADAM CLAYTON POWELL for a 'March on Washington' by anti-discrimination and labor organizations. POWELL's identity given prominence in the December 12 issue of Labor Action is the only meaningful activity which can mobilize the masses' public pressure urgently needed by the Negro people in the South. The 'March on Washington' could be the beginning of a fight that would force the politicians in Congress to put an anti-lynching bill on the legislative agenda and to refuse to seat Senators and Congressmen from states denying civil rights to their citizens; moreover, such a demonstration is the most effective method of forcing the Federal Government in the apprehension and prosecuting of racist murderers and kidnappers in the South.

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[redacted] advised that the initials [redacted] stood for [redacted] informant further stated that the YSL and the [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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ISL have expressed general interest in the possibility of a March on Washington as suggested by the above quoted article, and have indicated that if such became an eventuality, those two organizations would try to support it on a national basis by having all of their Branches throughout the country take a part in and otherwise support the March. [redacted] said that from general conversation it would appear that the YSL and ISL hoped that such a march would materialize as early as March, 1956.

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Informant further stated that the YSL Organizer Bulletin, as referred to above, carried an announcement suggesting that anyone interested in obtaining transportation to YSL affairs should call EXbrook 67320.

SE [redacted] on 1/6/56 determined that EXbrook 67320 is listed to [redacted] further, that [redacted] listed his employment as a student at UCLA and former employment as [redacted] further, that he formerly resided at [redacted] that he named as a personal reference [redacted]

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1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 17, California ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)
December 16, 1955

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Dear [redacted] (U)

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated [redacted] concerning your attendance at a meeting in Los Angeles. b6 b7C b7D

The considerable data furnished by you as well as the enclosures with your letter are sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. MALONE
Special Agent in Charge

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1340 West Sixth Street
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December 16, 1955

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I sincerely appreciate the considerable data furnished by you as well as the enclosures with your letter.

Very truly yours,

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DATE: 12/27/55

FROM: SA JOHN K. ANDERSON

SUBJECT: CRC
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be protected.	12/13/55	12/16/55	Writer	[redacted] (C) (U)

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On the evening of 12/13/55, the council of the CRC met at [redacted] of this meeting. (C) (U) (U) (C)

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Others in attendance were: (C) (U)

ELIZABETH SPECTOR
ELIZABETH SCOTT
DOROTHY MAYR
DOROTHY C. (CHANDLER) (C)
EMIL FREED
MILTON (REITZEN)
HY MOSCOWITZ
PAULETTE (FRISHKOFF) (U)
ANNA MANDELMAN
MARY GOLDSTEIN

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100-23307
100-3267 (ACLU)
100-25183 [redacted] (C)
97-16 (DPW)

cc: [redacted]

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100-4965 [redacted]
100-4751 (E. SPECTOR) (SI) (C) (U)
100-3108 (E. FREED) (SI)
100-36348 (M. REITZEN) (SI)
100-37554 [redacted]
100-33630

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ELIZABETH SPECTOR gave a report on the Porto Rican Smith Act case. She read excerpts from "Political Affairs" explaining U.S. imperialism in Porto Rica. The council accepted the report with the suggestion that it should be sent to the DPW. (C) (U)

The group discussed the pamphlet written by JUAN CORALES which New York had sent to the LA Chapter, CRC. The council thought that 500 pamphlets should be mailed to Spanish speaking people since the pamphlet is written in Spanish. There was to be a distribution conducted in areas where there are a number of Spanish speaking people of a leaflet announcing the GARCIA speech at the Embassy Auditorium. Proposals were made to be referred to the Administrative Committee concerning raising funds for GARCIA. It was proposed that there should be a second collection at the meeting and that people will be stationed outside the doors of the Embassy Auditorium handing out envelopes urging the recipients to send money to PABLO M. GARCIA. (C) (U) (U) (C)

EMIL FREED [redacted] gave a report on the ACLU. The council asked them about the composition of the conference and they said that the people who attended the ACLU conference were mostly members of the ACLU and upper middle class. FREED said that [redacted] was present at the ACLU conference. (C) (U)

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MILTON (REITZEN) gave a report on the ticket sale (for the CRC Christmas dance). He said that there had been a sale of 126 tickets. (C) (U)

[redacted] gave a report on publicity for the Christmas dance. (C) (U)

FRANK SPECTOR gave the financial report of the CRC. It was said that $460.00 had been paid out and that $619.00 was on hand. SPECTOR said that individual sustainers giving $80.00 per month had increased to $187.00. The council was rather displeased with the amount of money on hand. SPECTOR said that the CRC would have to get started on some campaign. (C) (U)

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be protected. b7D	[redacted]	12/16/55	Writer	[redacted] (U)

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On the evening of [redacted] the CRC met at [redacted] of this meeting. (C) (U)

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The first point on the agenda was a discussion regarding [redacted] Porto Rican Smith Act victims. FRANK SPECTOR said that [redacted] was to be in the U.S. during the first part of [redacted] originally. However, New York decided that the days, [redacted] would be better. [redacted] will be made to allow him to acquaint people with the Porto Rican Smith Act case and to raise funds. FRANK SPECTOR said that the DPW was having a (C) (U)

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[redacted] (C) (U)

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100-4965 [redacted] (U)
100-8119 (F. SPECTOR) (SI)
100-3108 (E. FREED) (SI)
100-35024 [redacted]
97-16 (DPW)

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rally at the Embassy Auditorium on [redacted] and that [redacted] would speak at this meeting. This point was discussed and SPECTOR said that this would be a meeting of the left, but that since the left knows so little about the Porto Rican Smith Act victims, he thought this would be a opportunity for them to hear [redacted] was to receive no money for this appearance since at the time the DPW will be starting its fund-raising drive. (C) (U)

SPECTOR said that it would be up to the CRC to arrange meetings with people to be sure that [redacted] meets with people other than the left who would hear about the Porto Rican Smith Act case. The people to be interested would be the Spanish-speaking people, Negroes, and trade unionists. SPECTOR stated that he would contact [redacted] SPECTOR said that New York had a pamphlet by JUAN GOEZ CORAIESin Spanish on the Porto Rican case. This pamphlet was referred to the administrative committee for the committee to decide how many of the pamphlets the LA CRC should order. SPECTOR told the members of instant group to bear in mind that [redacted] might not get to LA, since if a date is set for [redacted] case he might have to return to Porto Rica, and thus, the CRC must be prepared for this emergency. (C) (U) (U) (C)

Plans for the dance were discussed. The sale of tickets was not as good as expected. SPECTOR said that he had sent out a letter with the tickets and that the response was quite good. He estimated that about 50% of the 300 letters had been answered. (C) (U)

The next point on the agenda was a letter to FRANK SPECTOR [redacted] This man was [redacted] during the [redacted] and his case was referred to the Lawyers Panel. (C) (U)

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The ACLU was having a conference on Sat., 12/10/55, at the University Methodist Church. [redacted] EMIL FREED, & [redacted] were to attend this meeting. (C) (U)

The DPW was having a conference on Sat., 12/17/55, at the Hungarian Workers Hall. [redacted] was to attend this meeting. (C) (U)

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